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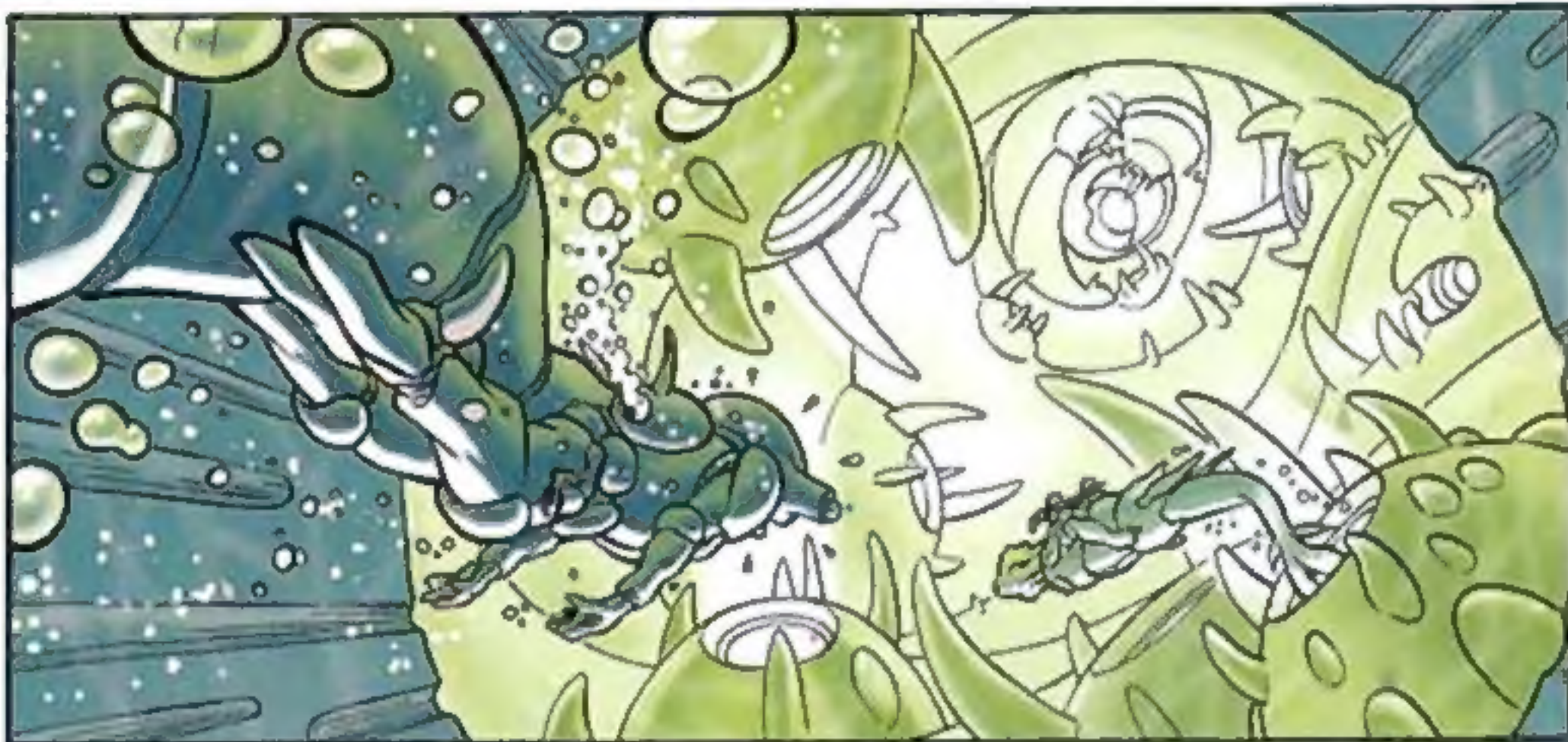
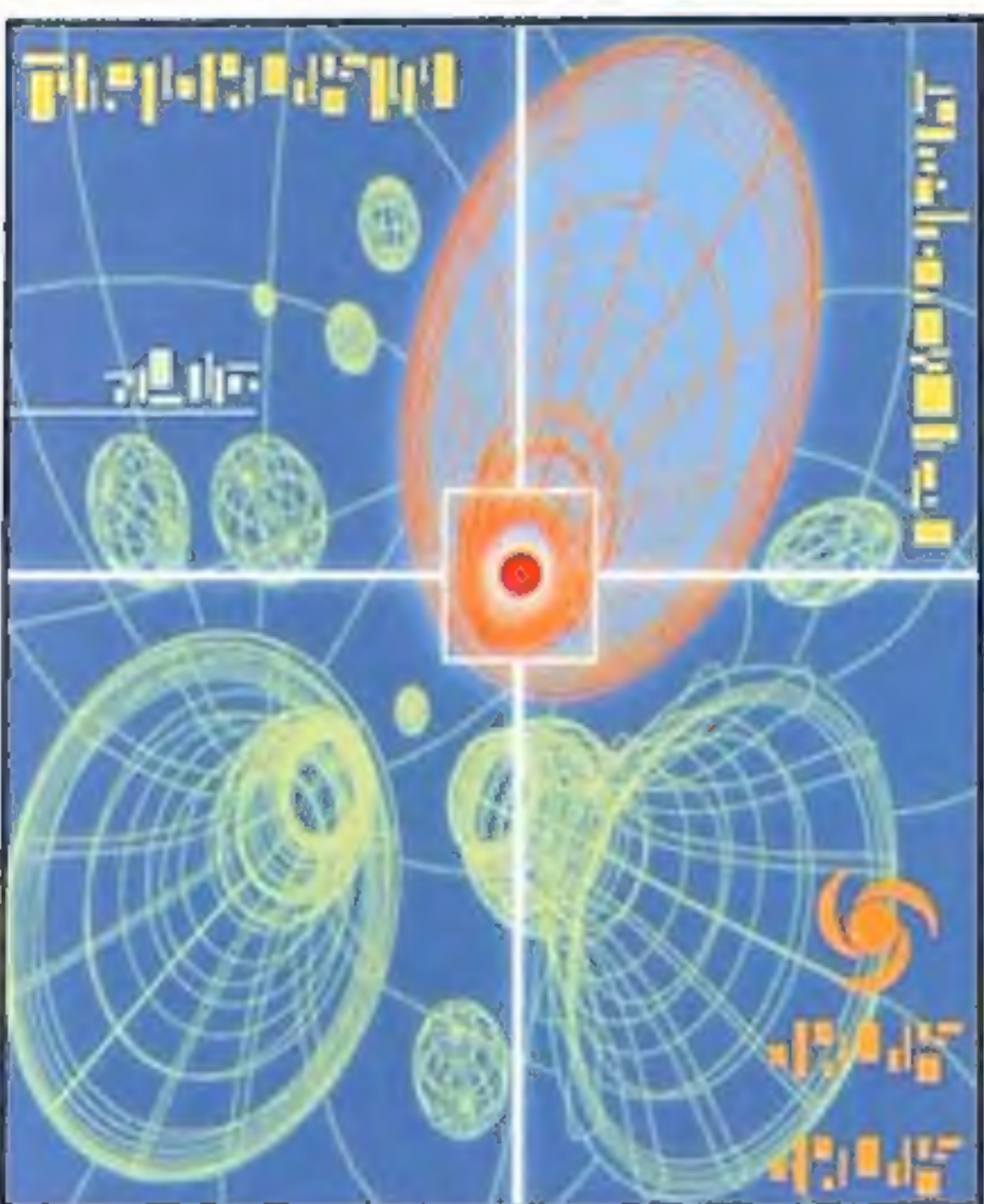
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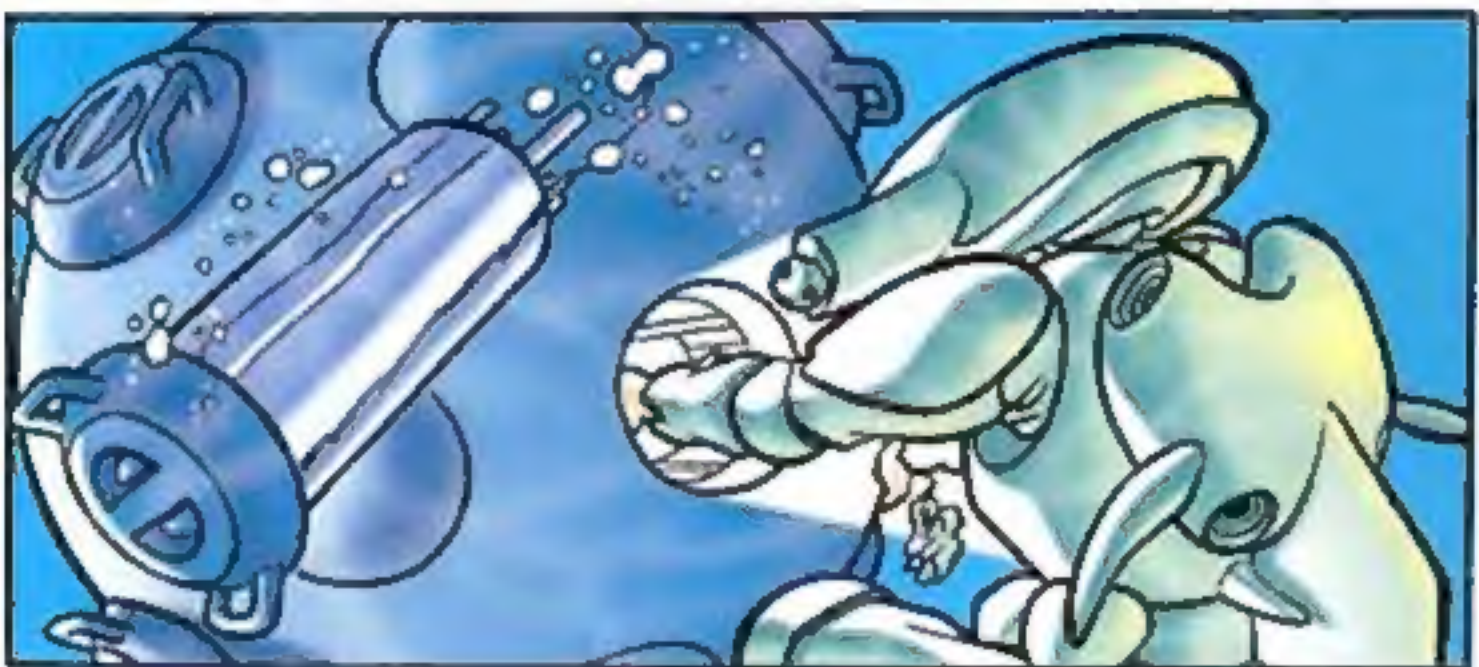
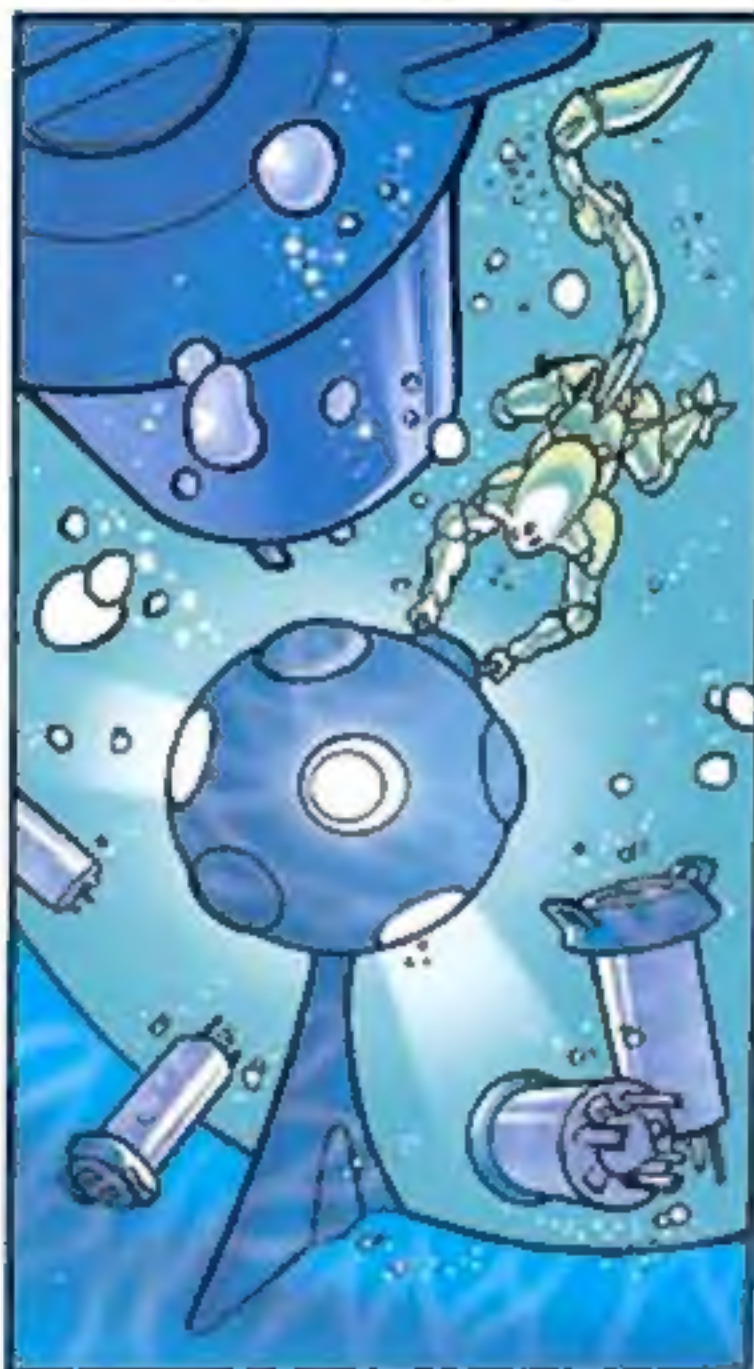
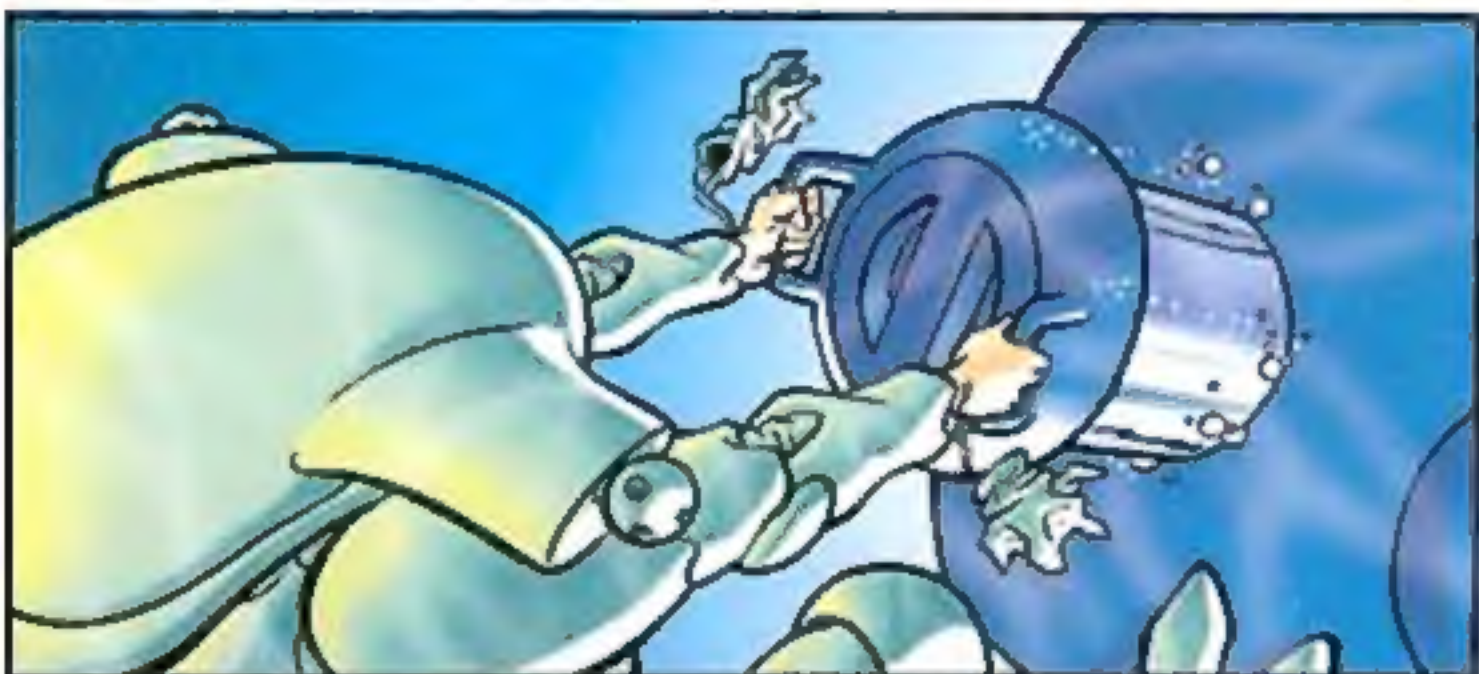
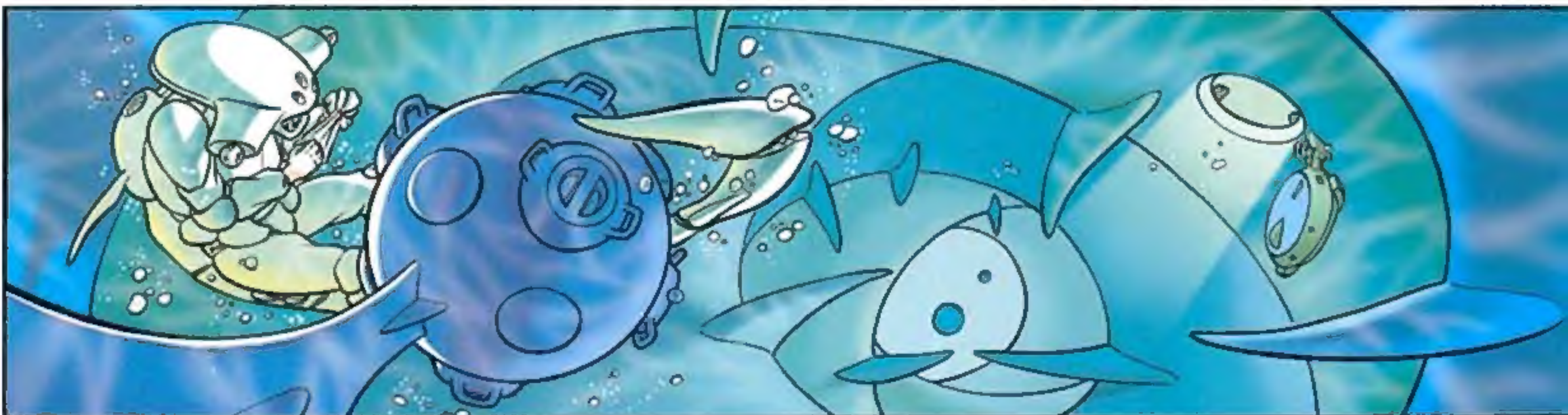
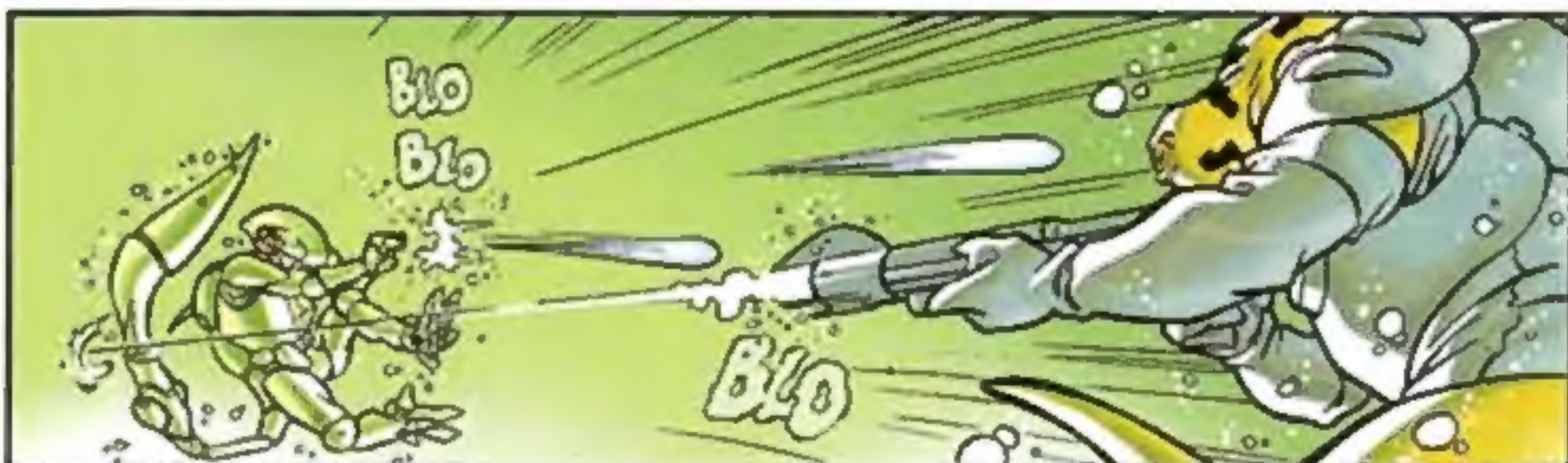
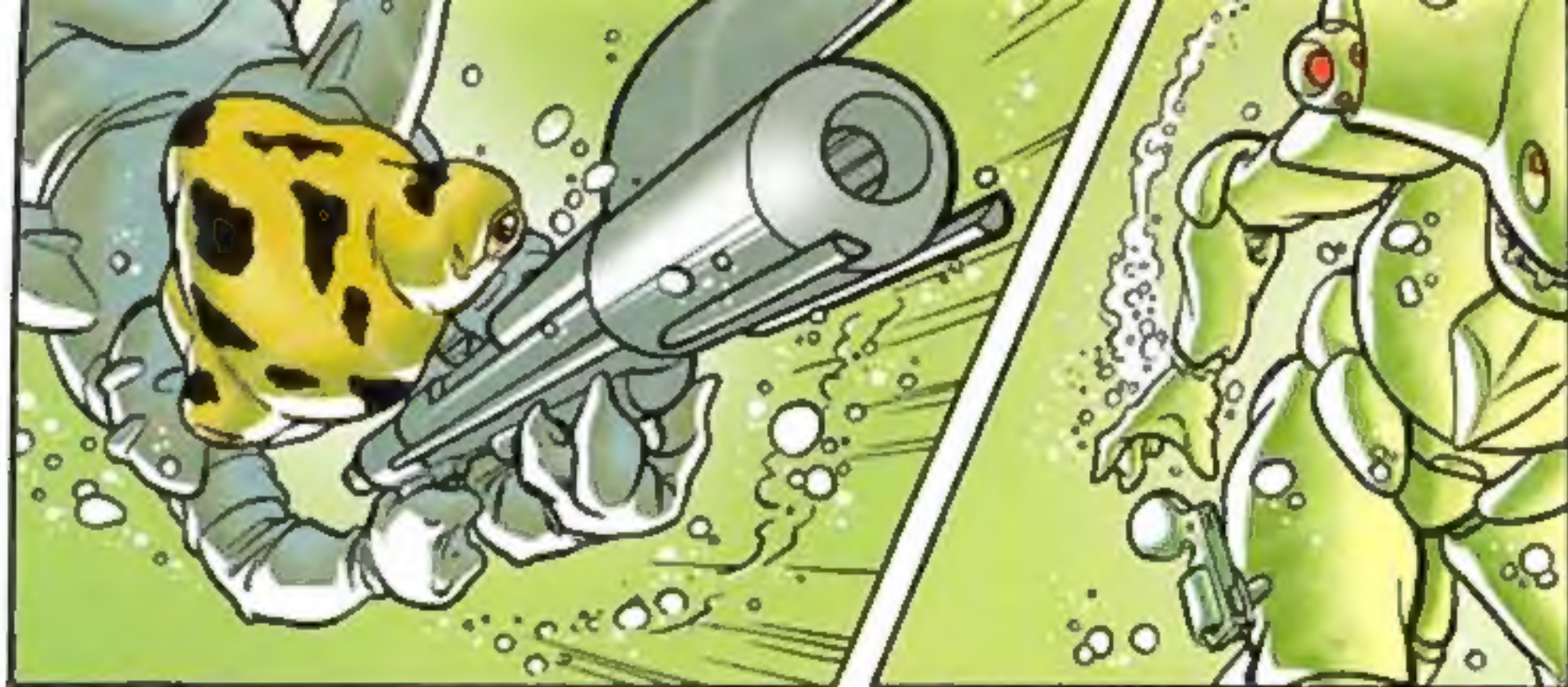
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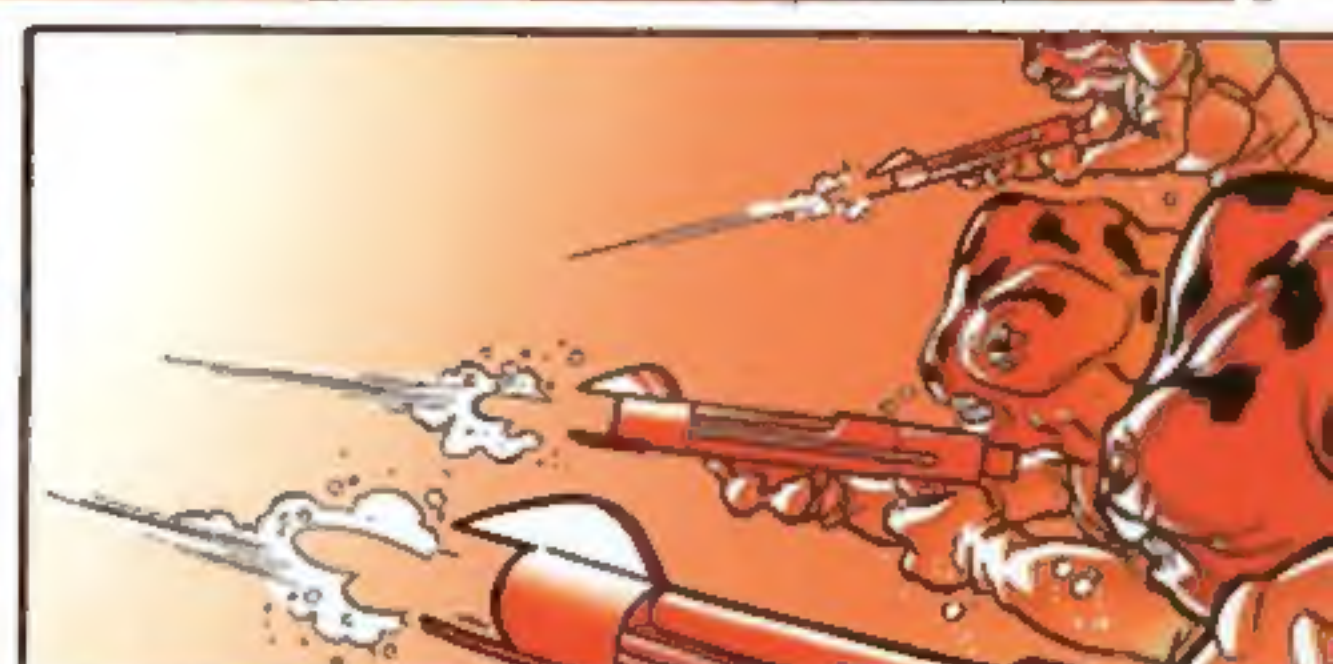
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DEL COURT









HOW IS SHE?

PHEW. JUST SLEEPING!
I WAS AFRAID FOR A
MOMENT THAT SHE WAS
DIZZY BECAUSE THEY
HIT HER!

MY, MY! ARZTRACHAN,
YOU'RE A REAL MOTHER
HEN! IF YOU BECOME
TOO ATTACHED TO HER
YOU'LL LOSE ALL OF
YOUR PROFESSIONAL
OBJECTIVITY!



NÄVIS SURVIVED
A HOSTILE JUNGLE.
I DOUBT SHE
WORRIES ABOUT
OUR DIRTY
CORRIDORS!

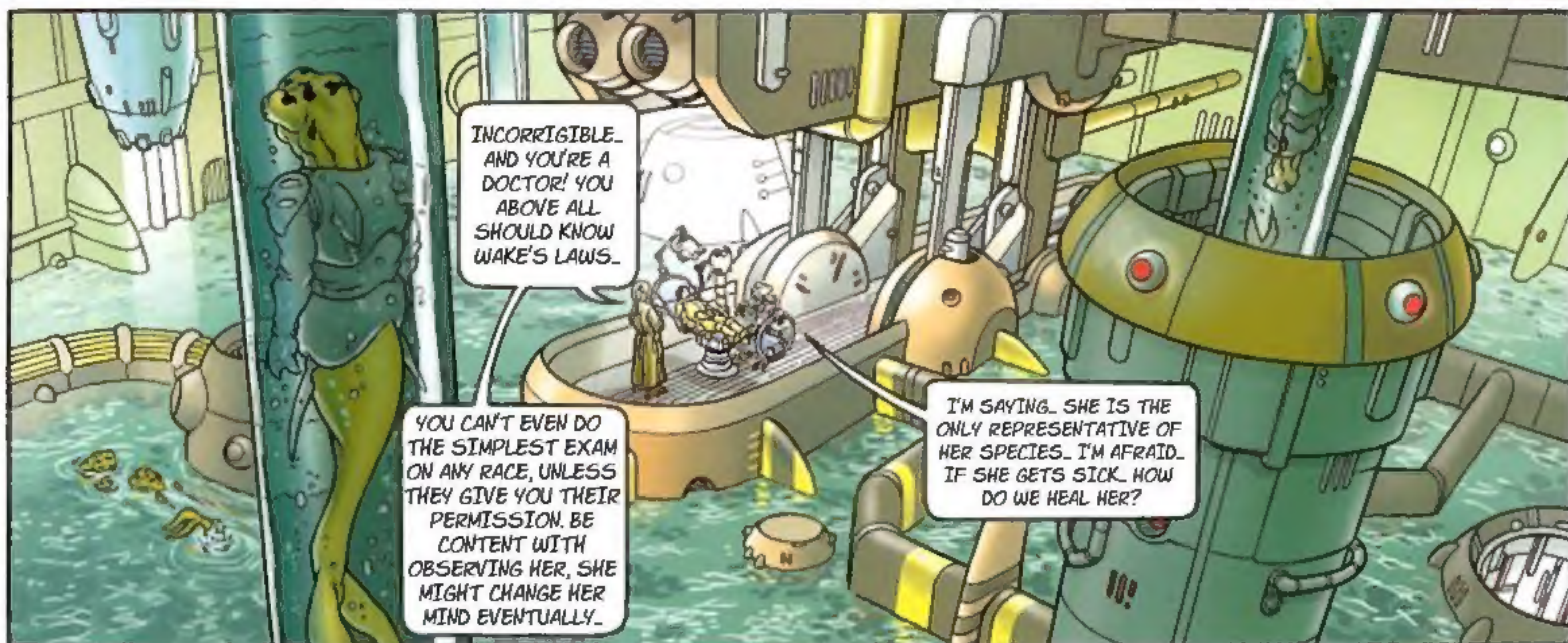
UH, YES... I
JUST DON'T
KNOW HOW
TO STOP
WORRYING
ABOUT HER!



COME, MAKEL-
LOOS I'M SURE
THAT UNDER YOUR
STRICT DEMEANOR,
YOU ARE A
SENTIMENTAL
PRECEPTOR.



PLEASE, LET
ME GIVE HER
A ROUTINE
EXAMINATION.



INCORRIGIBLE...
AND YOU'RE A
DOCTOR! YOU
ABOVE ALL
SHOULD KNOW
WAKE'S LAWS...

YOU CAN'T EVEN DO
THE SIMPLEST EXAM
ON ANY RACE, UNLESS
THEY GIVE YOU THEIR
PERMISSION. BE
CONTENT WITH
OBSERVING HER, SHE
MIGHT CHANGE HER
MIND EVENTUALLY...

I'M SAYING... SHE IS THE
ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF
HER SPECIES... I'M AFRAID...
IF SHE GETS SICK, HOW
DO WE HEAL HER?



IT'S HER WHO HAS REFUSED
ALL MEDICAL EXAMS. DON'T
FORGET THAT! GIVEN HER
CHARACTER, I WOULDN'T BE
SURPRISED IF HER REFUSALS
WERE SIMPLY TO ANNOY US...

EXACTLY!
AND IF YOU
CONTINUE TO
PULL THESE
DIRTY TRICKS,
I'D BE AMAZED
IF I EVER GIVE
YOU THAT
PLEASURE!



YOU COULD'VE
WARNED ME
ABOUT THE
ALARM! AND
THOSE TIGHT
CORRIDORS!
THAT WAS A
FOUL TRICK!

COME NOW, IT WAS YOU
WHO TOLD YOUR MILITARY
INSTRUCTOR, GENERAL
RIB'WUND, THAT THESE
TESTS WERE TOO EASY!



AND, YOU DIDN'T DO
BADLY... YOUR SENSE
OF DIRECTION IS
EXCELLENT, REACTION
TIME IS OPTIMAL AND
YOUR AGILITY IS VERY
IMPRESSIVE!

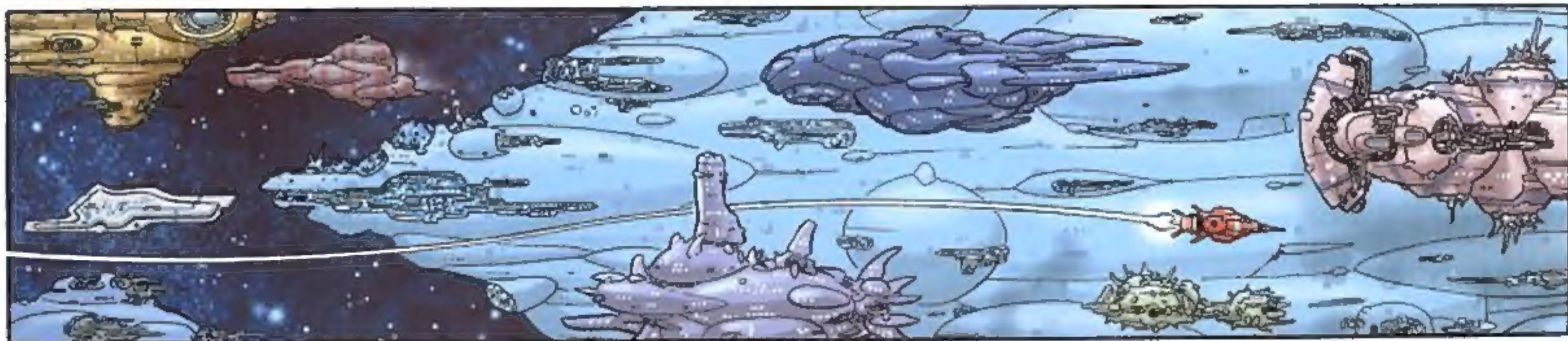


EVEN WHEN THEY USED
THEIR PSY-MEDUSAS,
THEY WERE DECIDEDLY
INCAPABLE OF LOCATING
YOU. THEY NEVER EVEN
TOUCHED YOU!



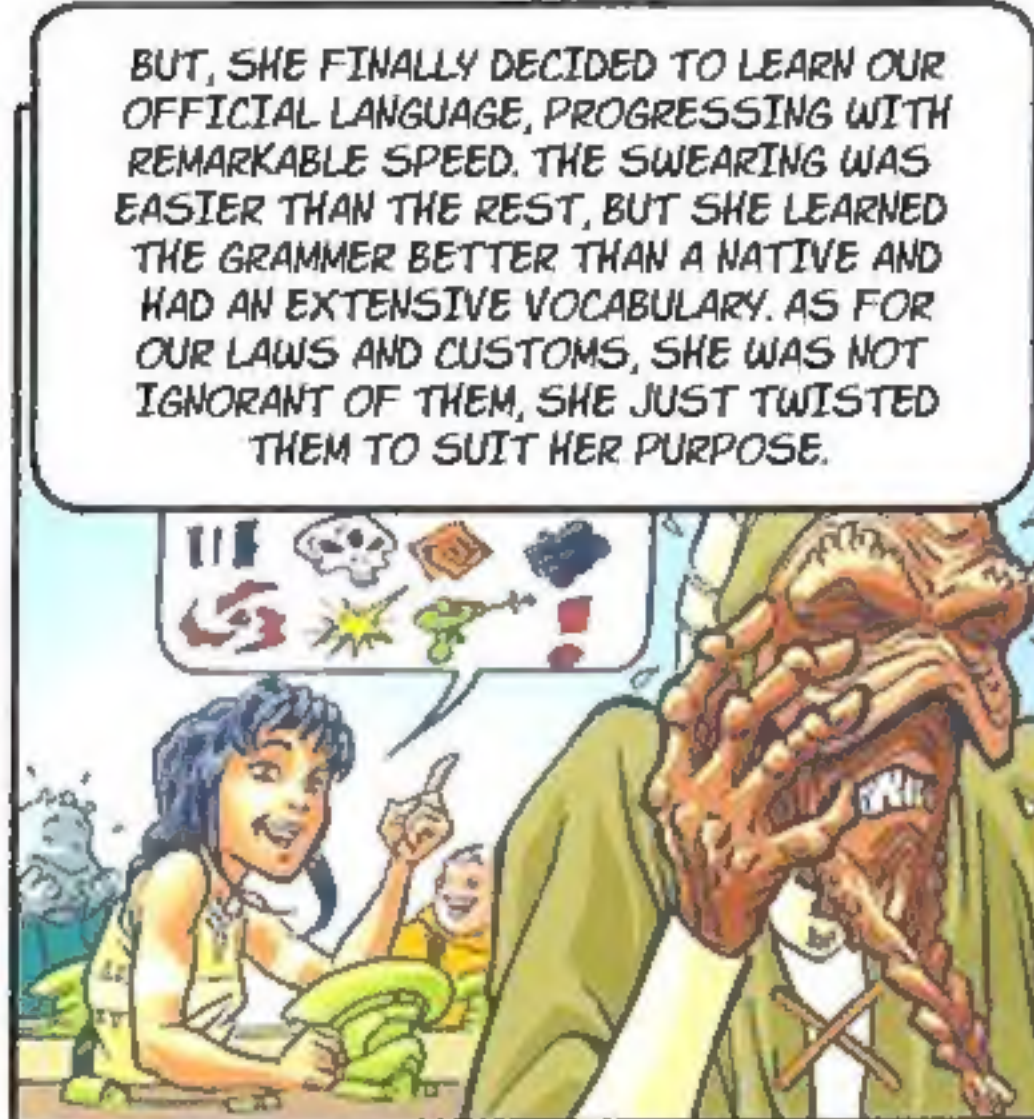
DON'T WASTE
ANY TIME IN
CHANGING YOUR
CLOTHES. WE
CAN'T AFFORD
TO BE LATE.

HMMM...

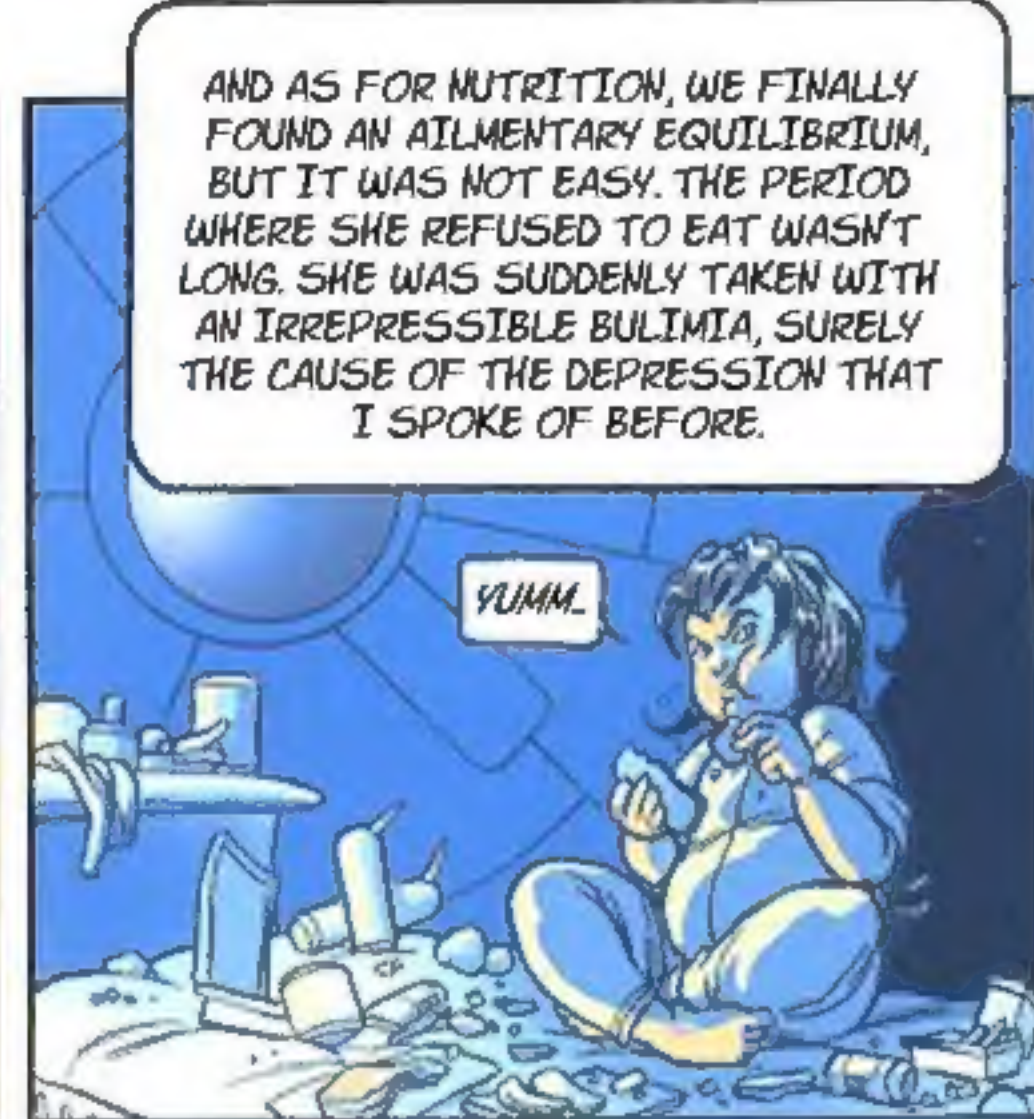




FIRST OF ALL, HER REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE MADE IT DIFFICULT TO TEACH HER. IT WAS LOGICAL. NÄVIS' PRESENCE ON WAKE WAS NOT OF HER FREEWILL, A REAL UPROOTING, WHICH SHE WAS FORCED TO ACCEPT.



BUT, SHE FINALLY DECIDED TO LEARN OUR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, PROGRESSING WITH REMARKABLE SPEED. THE SWEARING WAS EASIER THAN THE REST, BUT SHE LEARNED THE GRAMMER BETTER THAN A NATIVE AND HAD AN EXTENSIVE VOCABULARY. AS FOR OUR LAWS AND CUSTOMS, SHE WAS NOT IGNORANT OF THEM, SHE JUST TWISTED THEM TO SUIT HER PURPOSE.



AND AS FOR NUTRITION, WE FINALLY FOUND AN AILMENTARY EQUILIBRIUM, BUT IT WAS NOT EASY. THE PERIOD WHERE SHE REFUSED TO EAT WASN'T LONG. SHE WAS SUDDENLY TAKEN WITH AN IRREPRESSIBLE BULIMIA, SURELY THE CAUSE OF THE DEPRESSION THAT I SPOKE OF BEFORE.



AFTER MANY GOOD EFFORTS, WE SUCCEEDED, AND...

FINE! FINE! I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH, OKAY!



I HAD A HARD TIME TO ADAPT TO WAKE, BUT IT IS DONE NOW! IT'S USELESS TO DISCUSS A FACT WHICH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED!! SURELY, A REAL BUNCH OF EXPERTS LIKE YOU COULD HAVE SET UP A BETTER SYSTEM!!!

I KNEW IT...

CERTAINLY... I WILL GET RIGHT TO THE POINT THEN...



THE SALVAGE FROM YOUR SHIP HAS PAID FOR YOUR TRAINING AND ALLOWED OUR TECHNICIANS TO ADAPT MUCH OF IT'S USEFUL TECHNOLOGY TO OUR WAY OF LIFE.

ALAS, THIS WILL SOON BE EXHAUSTED. IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO PAY FOR YOUR PASSAGE.



HEY! MY INSTINCT TELLS ME YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO PROPOSE TO ME. AM I WRONG?



HMM. AH, WELL, NO. WE JUST THOUGHT THAT.

COME ON, DON'T BE SO SHY. YOU'RE A BIG BOY!



AFTER AVOIDING MANY DISAGREEMENTS, WE HAVE THIS PROPOSAL FOR YOU. HOW TO PUT IT. A JOB. THE FACT THAT NO ONE CAN READ YOUR MENTAL WAVES INTERESTS US. THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO SEND YOU ON UH... DELICATE MISSIONS.



TO SUM IT UP, YOU WANT ME TO DO YOUR DIRTY WORK. TO BE A SPY! TO BECOME ONE OF YOUR MERCENARIES!



IT WOULDN'T BE LIKE THAT. WE WOULD SEE THAT YOU HANDLED DIPLOMATIC SITUATIONS WHICH WE ARE UNABLE TO RESOLVE. WE WOULD CALL YOU A SPECIAL AGENT.

YOUR REMUNERATION WOULD CONTINUE, AND YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY FINANCIAL MATTERS. ALSO, IT WOULD EXERCISE YOUR CONSIDERABLE PSYCHIC TALENTS. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR PROPOSAL?



THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION!

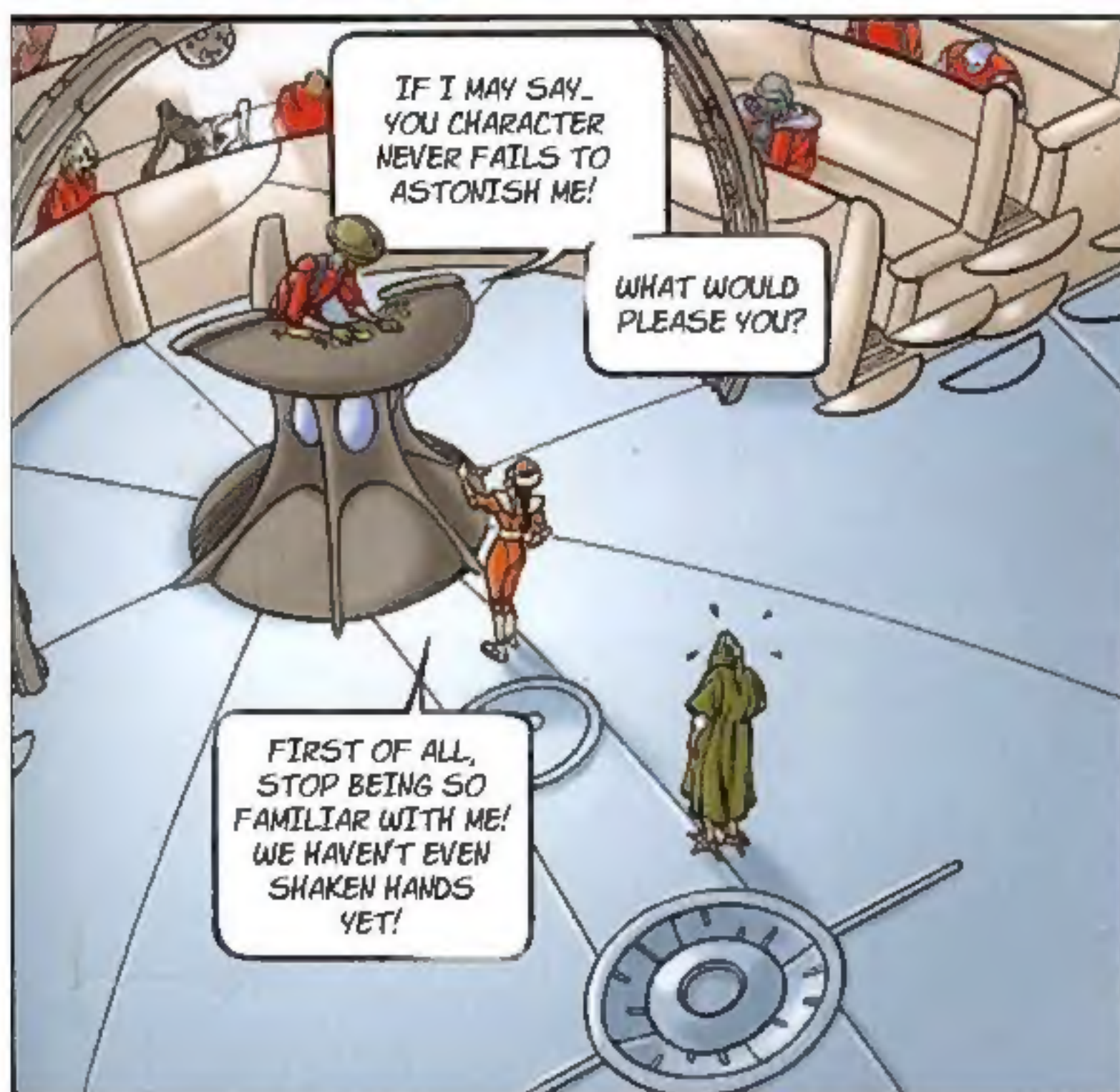


I. BUT, THIS IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO KEEP YOUR OWN PERSONAL VESSEL AND ALL OF THE ADVANTAGES THAT WE HAVE GIVEN YOU. YOU KNOW, AS WELL AS I DO, NO "NORMAL" WORK EARNS SUCH PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. ESPECIALLY IF WE DECIDE TO STOP PAMPERING YOU.



AND IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANY RESOURCES, WE WOULD BE OBLIGATED TO DEPOSIT YOU ON THE NEAREST HABITABLE PLANET. THAT WOULD BE A SHAME, WOULDN'T IT?

HMM. THREATS WON'T MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND.



IF I MAY SAY... YOU CHARACTER NEVER FAILS TO ASTONISH ME!

WHAT WOULD PLEASE YOU?

FIRST OF ALL, STOP BEING SO FAMILIAR WITH ME! WE HAVEN'T EVEN SHAKEN HANDS YET!



AS FOR THE REST, I NEED TO THINK ABOUT THAT.



AND, UH, IF IT ISN'T INDISCREET TO ASK, WHEN WILL YOU MAKE A DECISION?

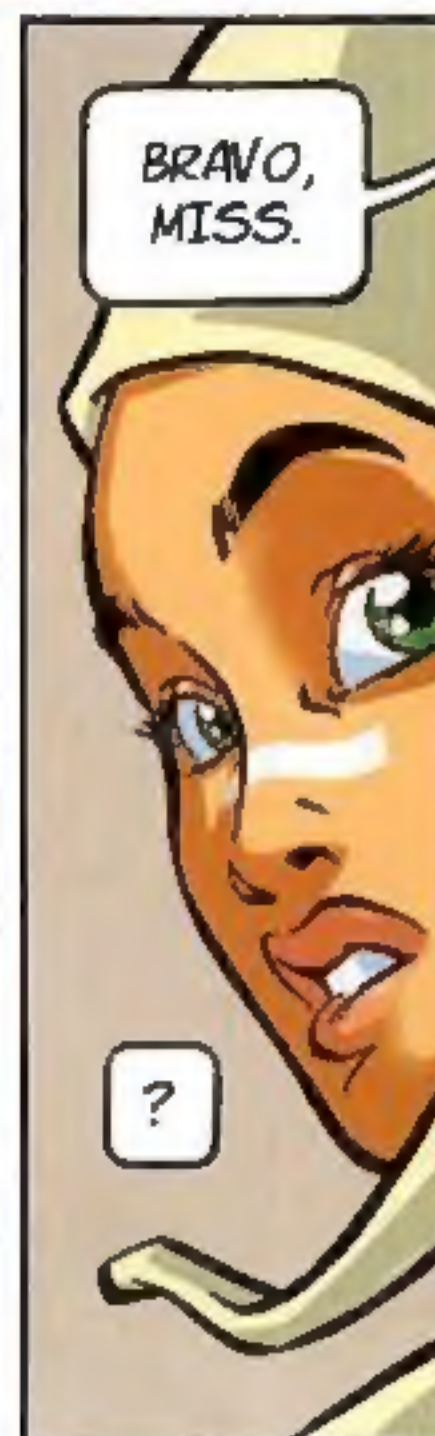
I'VE NO IDEA. I'LL GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT.



WELL, IF IT'S THAT WAY, I DECLARE THIS MEETING OVER.



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? ARE YOU INSANE???



BRAVO, MISS.

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ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF. I'M ENSHU ATSHUKAU, INDEPENDANT CONSUL.



HOORAY FOR YOU!

SINCE I HEARD THE TALK ABOUT YOU, I HAVE BEEN BURNING TO MEET YOU, AND I MUST ADMIT MY PLEASURE WAS WORTH THE WAIT.

IT'S DELIGHTFUL TO SEE SOMEONE WHO CAN STAND UP TO THE "MOST WISE COMMITTEE". ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT SOMEONE HAS SUCH A PLEASING APPEARANCE!



WE ARE VERY TOUCHED BY YOUR COMPLIMENTS CONSUL, BUT WE MUST LEAVE NOW.

JUST A MOMENT, MAKEL-LOOS. WHAT ABOUT THE RULES OF POLITENESS THAT YOU TAUGHT ME? HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN ALL OF THEM?



AS I WAS SAYING, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR FORCE OF CHARACTER. I CAN RECALL THE HUMILIATION YOU HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO BY THESE OLD BARBARIANS. IT WAS A REAL COUP STOPPING THE CLONING OF THE MIGROLEMS AND EVEN MORE YOU HAVE THEM DETERMINING THEIR OWN FUTURE!

THAT'S THE LEAST OF THINGS! THEY DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO TREAT PEOPLE LIKE SLAVES!



CERTAINLY, BUT I SEE THAT YOUR PRECEPTOR IS VERY IMPATIENT. TO PURSUE THIS CONVERSATION CALMLY, MAY I BE ALLOWED TO INVITE YOU TO MY RESIDENCE?

SAY YES. I BEG YOU. IT WOULD BE SUCH A GREAT HONOR!

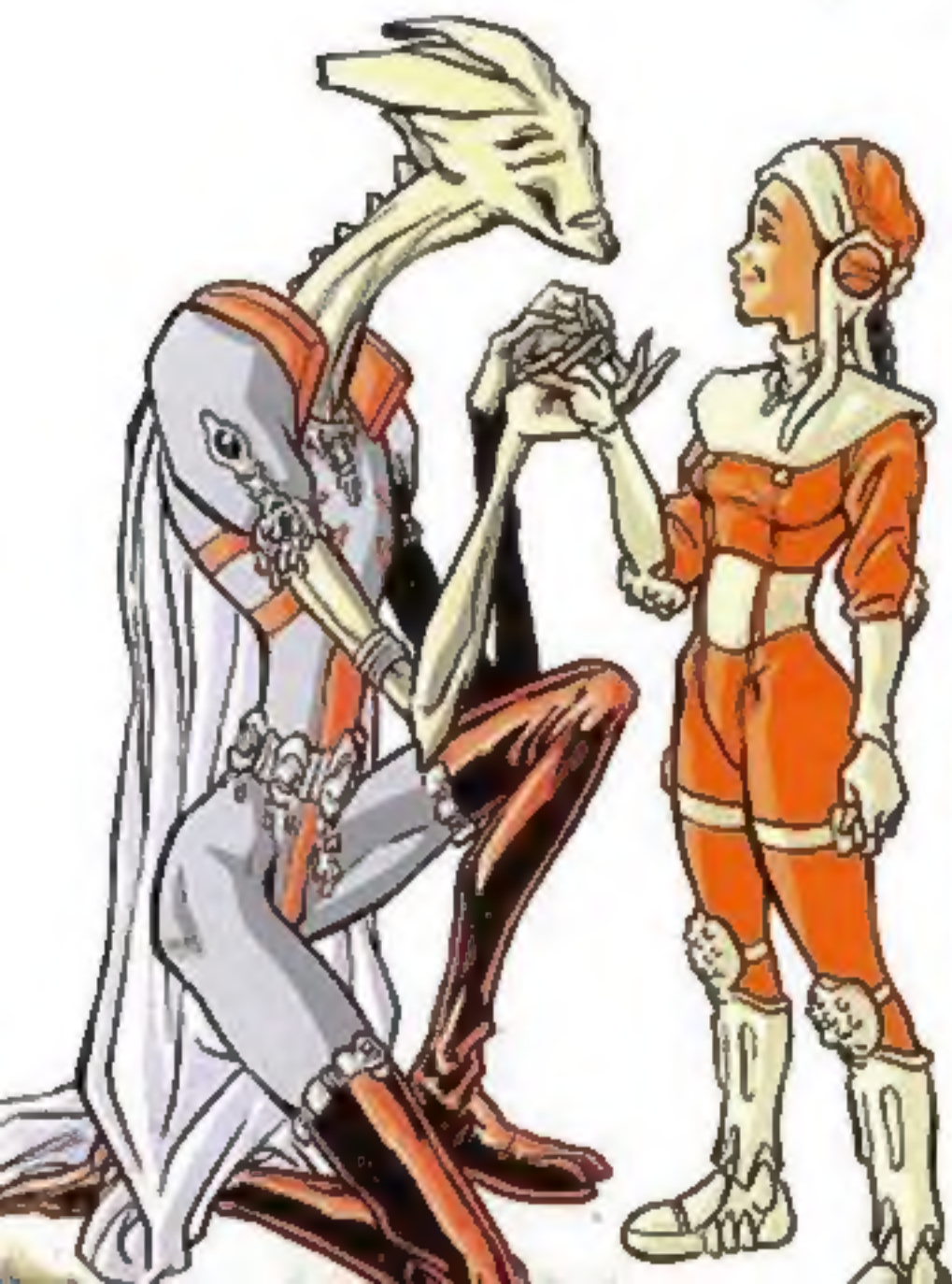


I DON'T KNOW.

ALRIGHT! OKAY, I'LL MEET YOU IN SEVEN CYCLES.

WONDERFUL! I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE OF YOU NOW. I MUST PREPARE THINGS FOR YOUR ARRIVAL!

MY HOMAGE, NÄVIS!



HE'S NICE, HUH?

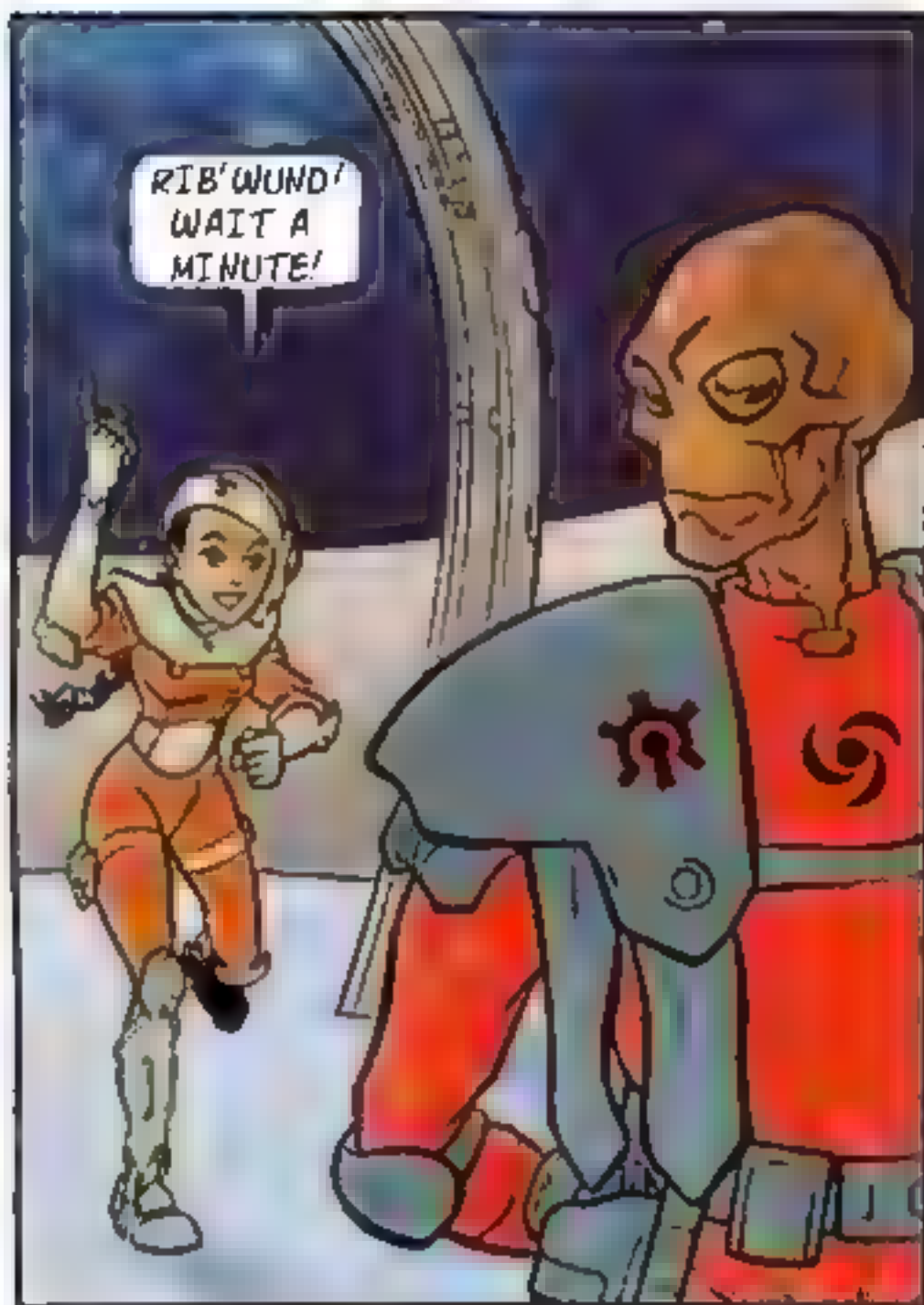
THAT'S NOT THE EXACT WORD I WOULD USE. HIS REPUTATION.

DRAT!

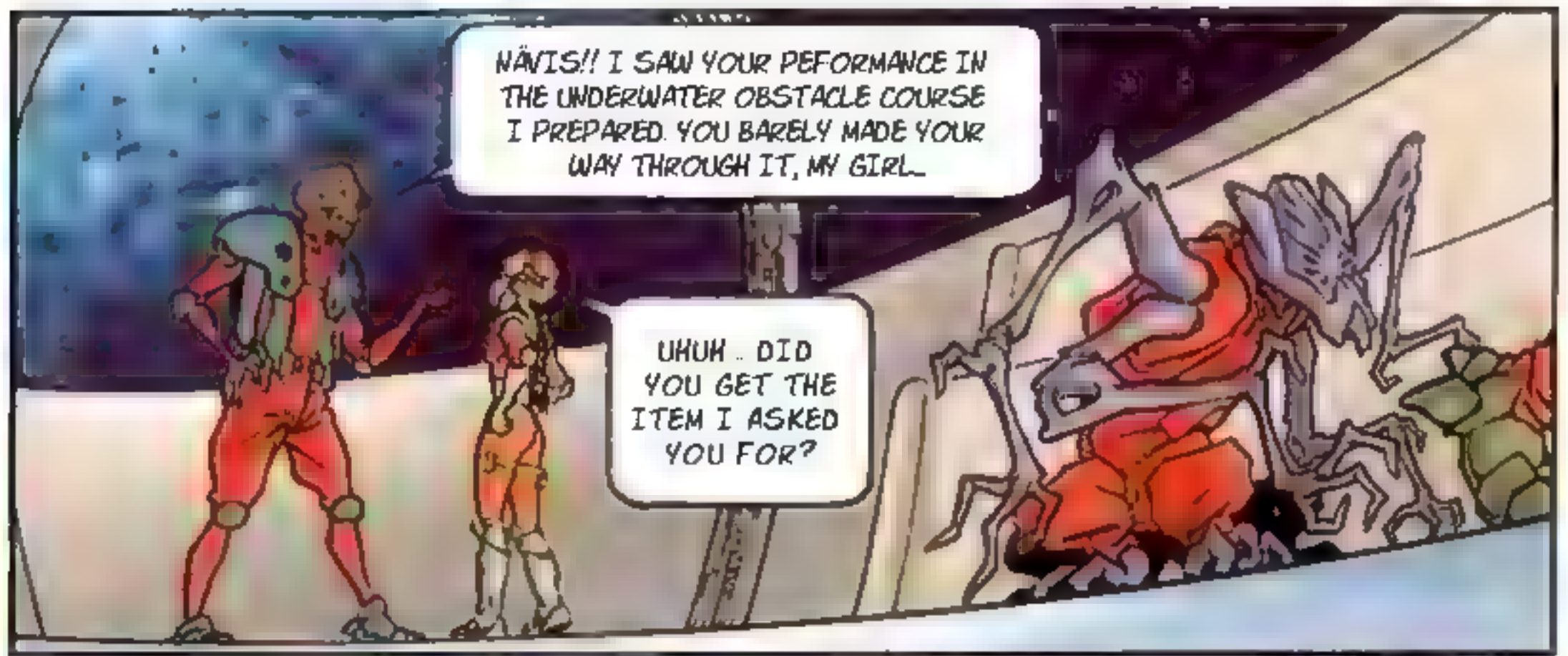
I ALMOST FORGOT SOMETHING!



GO HOME, MAKEL-LOOS. I'LL BE HOME LATER.



RIB'WUND!
WAIT A
MINUTE!



NÄVIS!! I SAW YOUR PERFORMANCE IN
THE UNDERWATER OBSTACLE COURSE
I PREPARED. YOU BARELY MADE YOUR
WAY THROUGH IT, MY GIRL...

UHUH... DID
YOU GET THE
ITEM I ASKED
YOU FOR?



THAT IS
PROHIBITED, BUT
I'M A GENERAL NOW!
I HAVE ACCESS TO A
LOT OF THINGS, KID!



GO ON, TAKE IT,
AND HIDE IT IN
YOUR POCKET!
THERE'S NO NEED
FOR ANYONE
TO SEE IT!

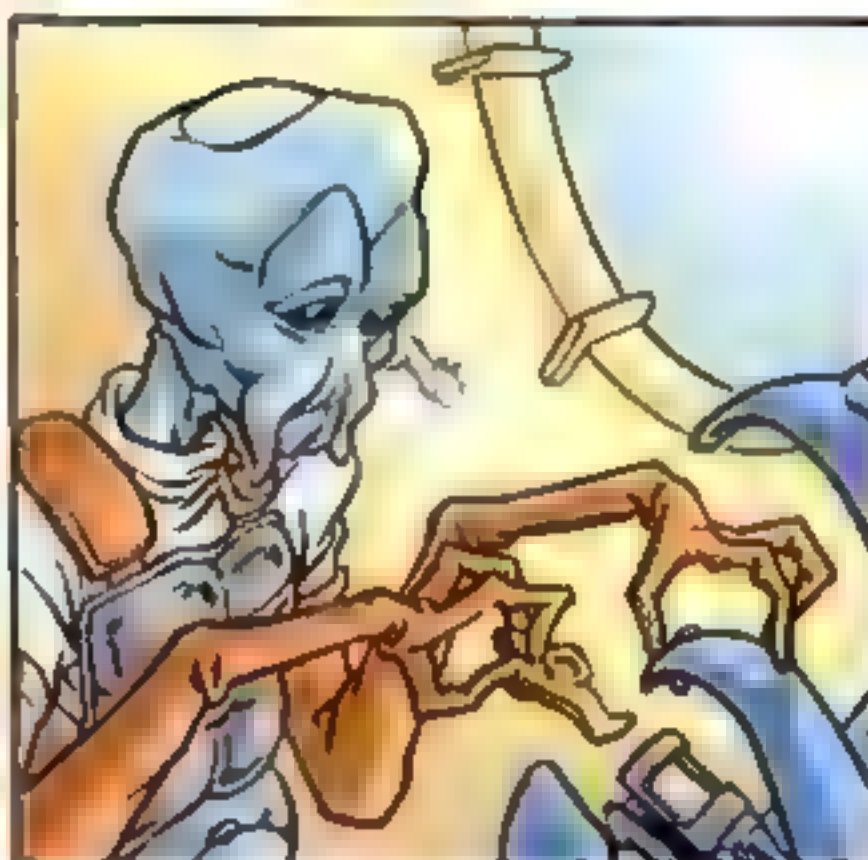
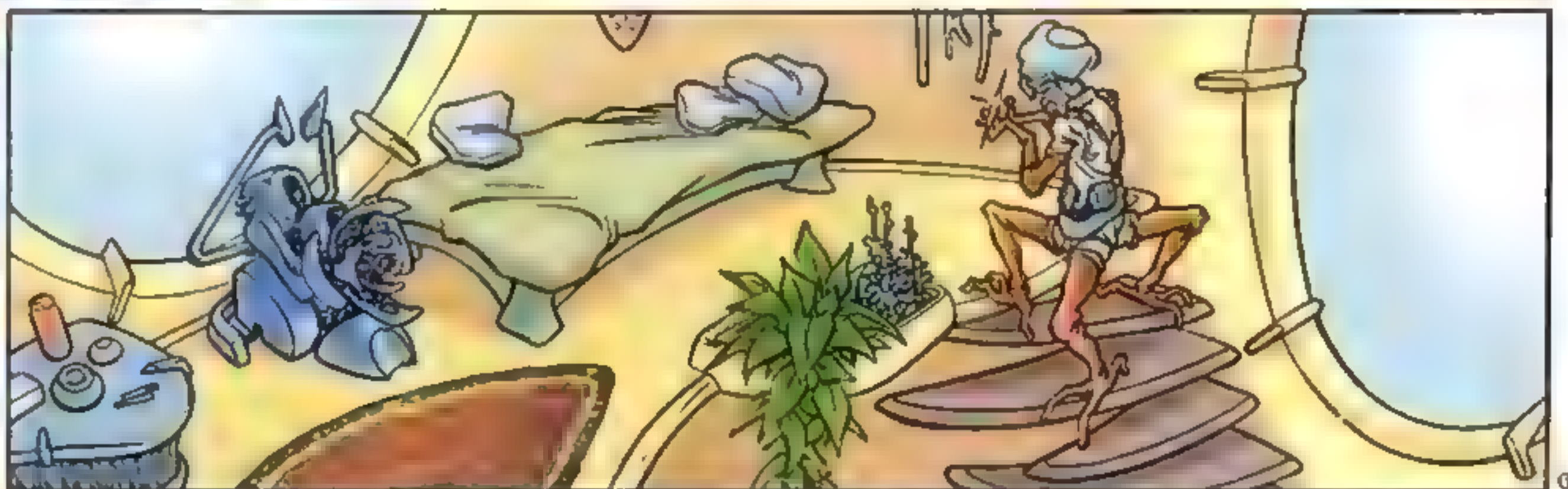
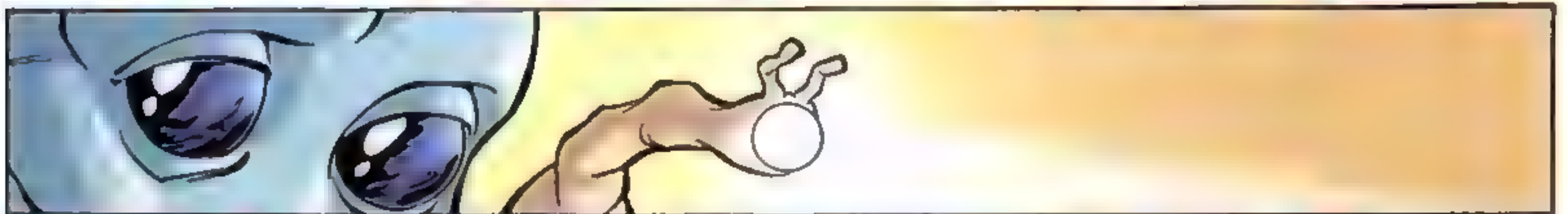
THANK
YOU!



SEE YOU SOON
FOR ANOTHER TEST,
GENERAL! PREPARE
YOUR TRAPS BETTER
THE NEXT TIME...

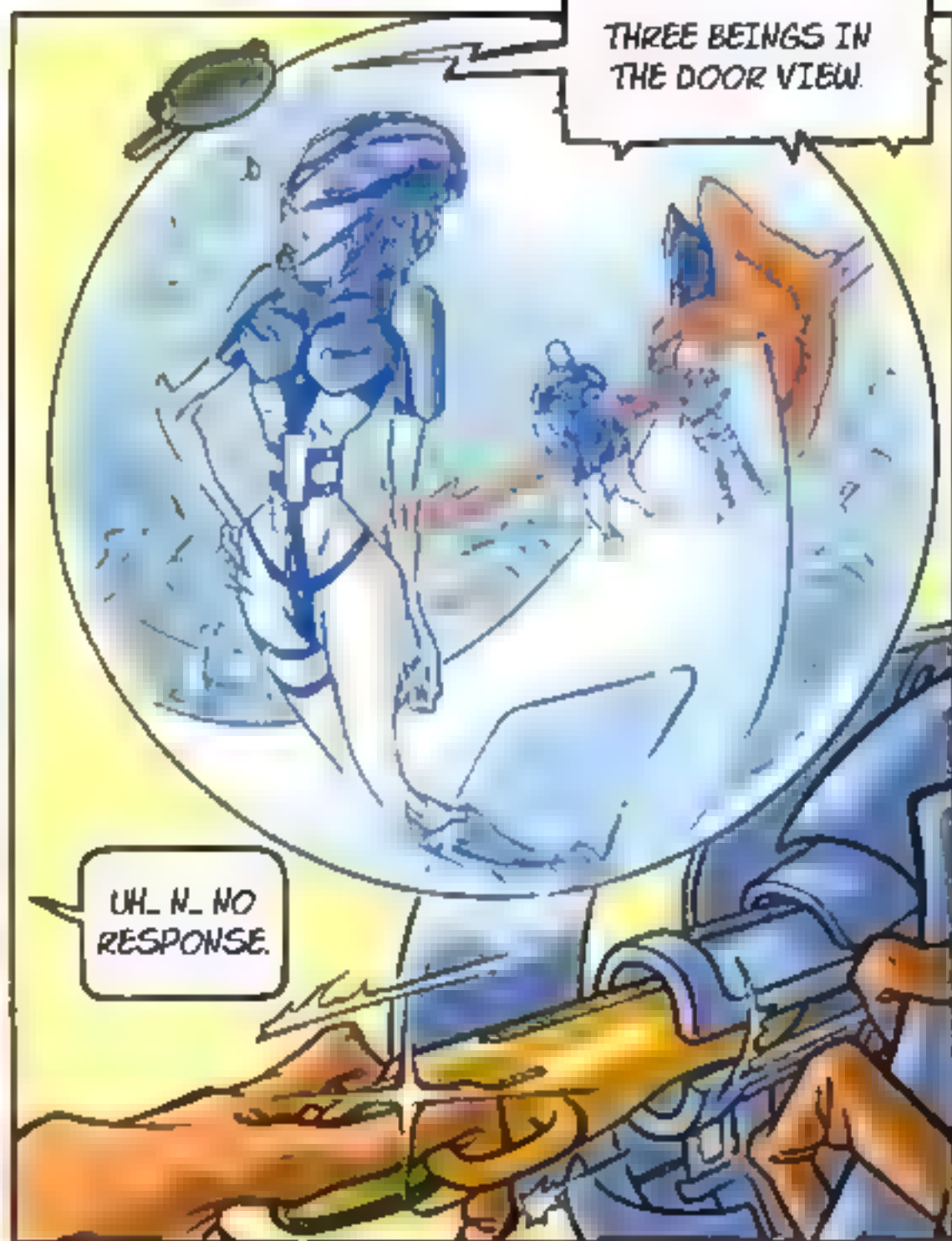


...I SHOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
GET THROUGH
THEM SO
EASILY!



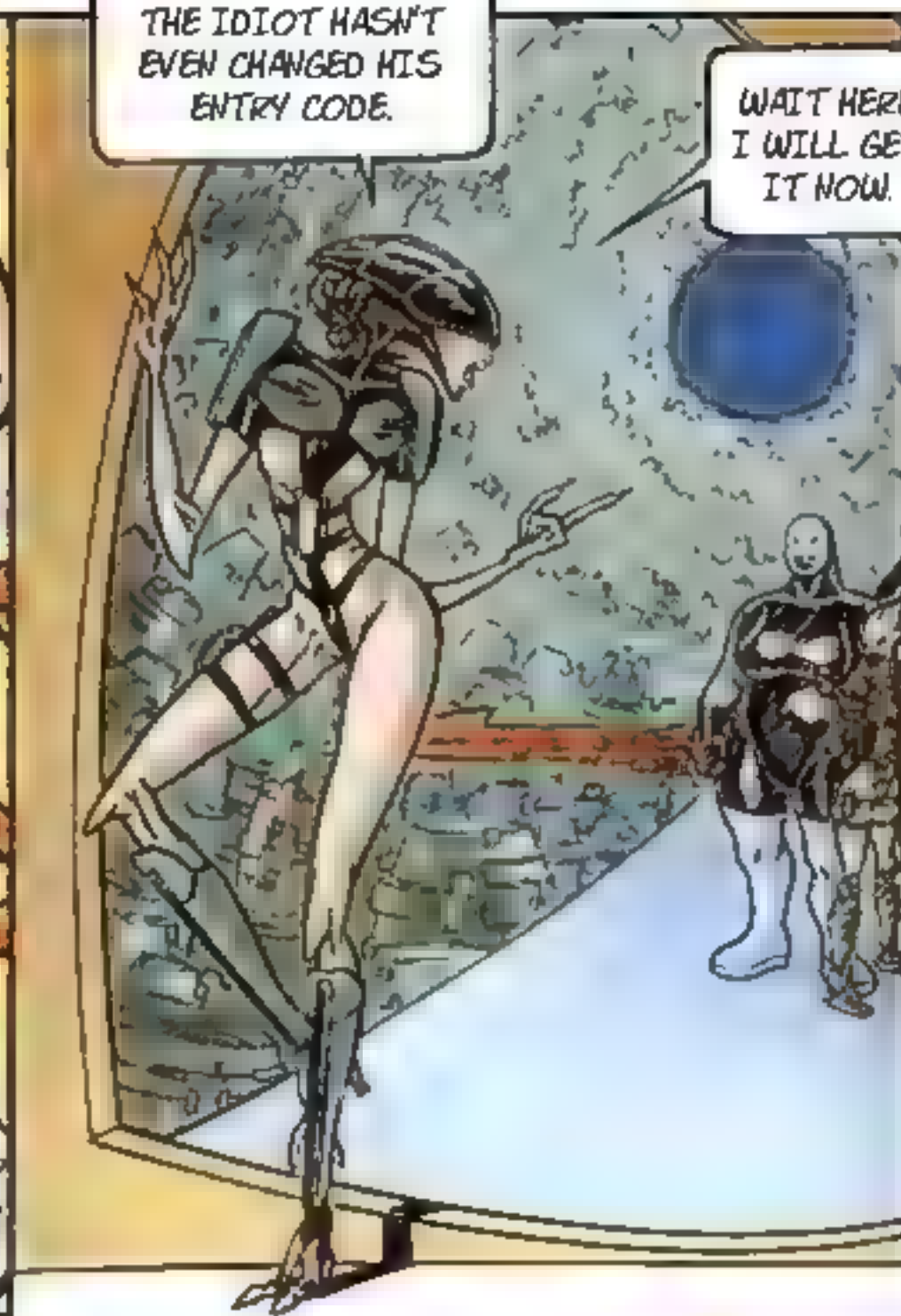


BEEP!
A VISITOR!



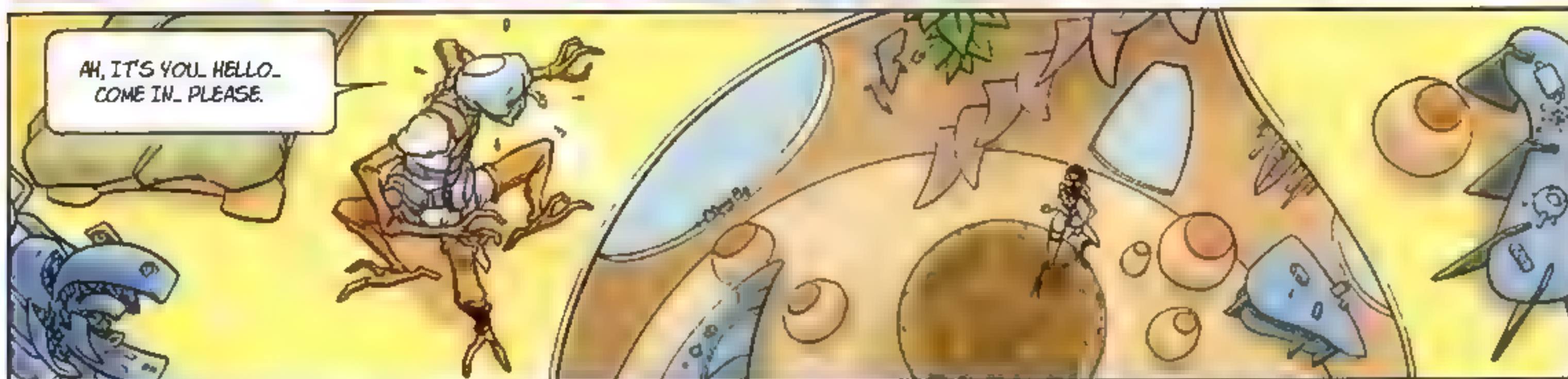
THREE BEINGS IN
THE DOOR VIEW.

UH... NO
RESPONSE.

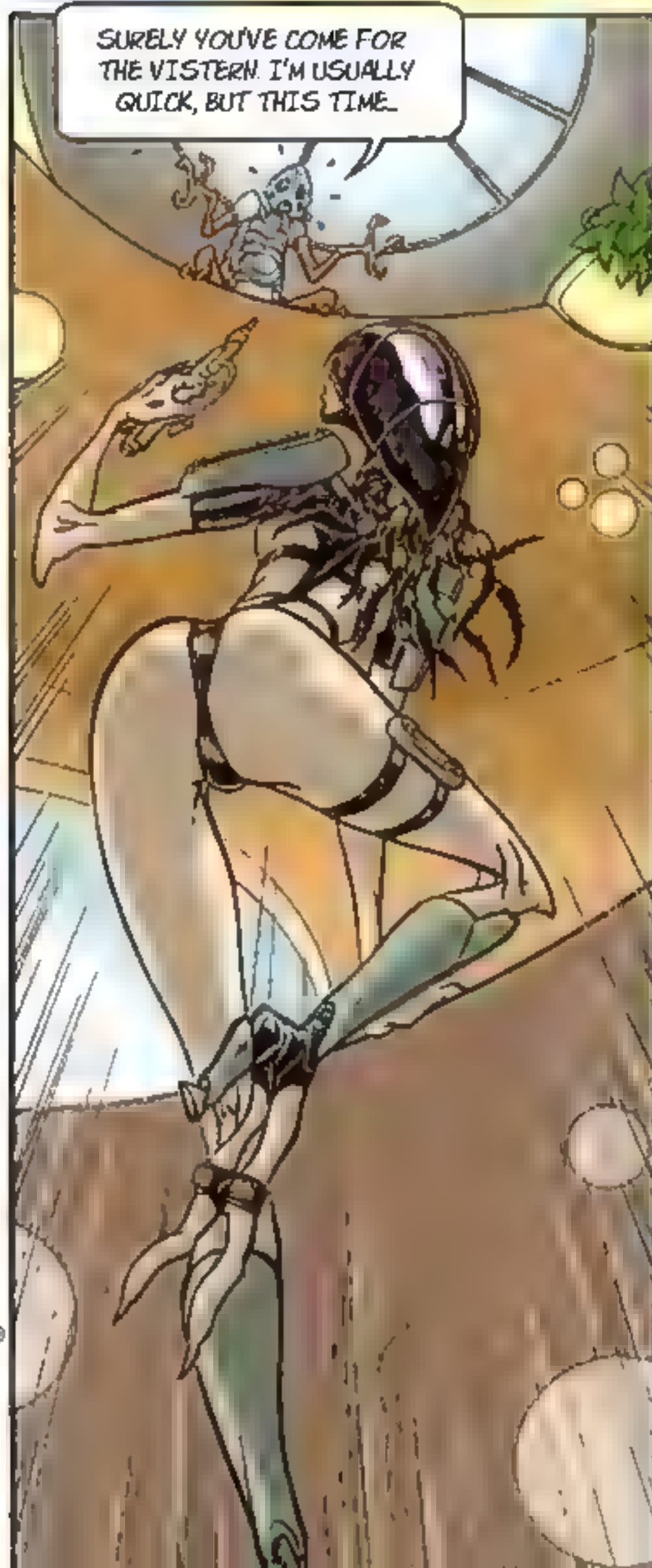


THE IDIOT HASN'T
EVEN CHANGED HIS
ENTRY CODE.

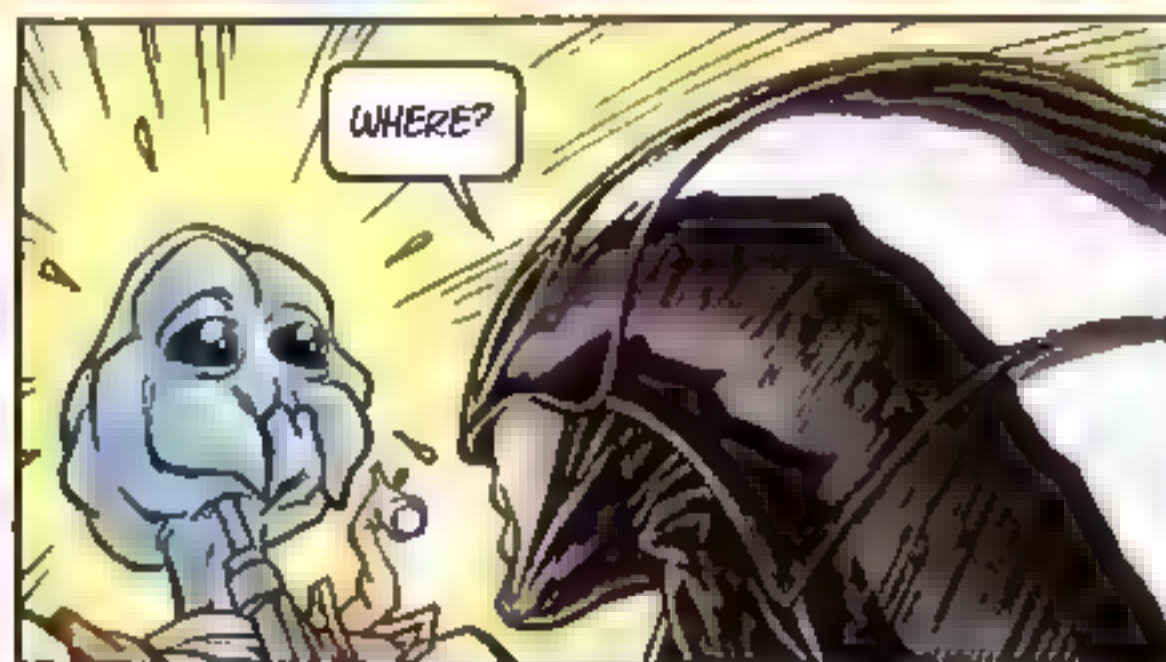
WAIT HERE
I WILL GET
IT NOW.



AH, IT'S YOU. HELLO...
COME IN... PLEASE.



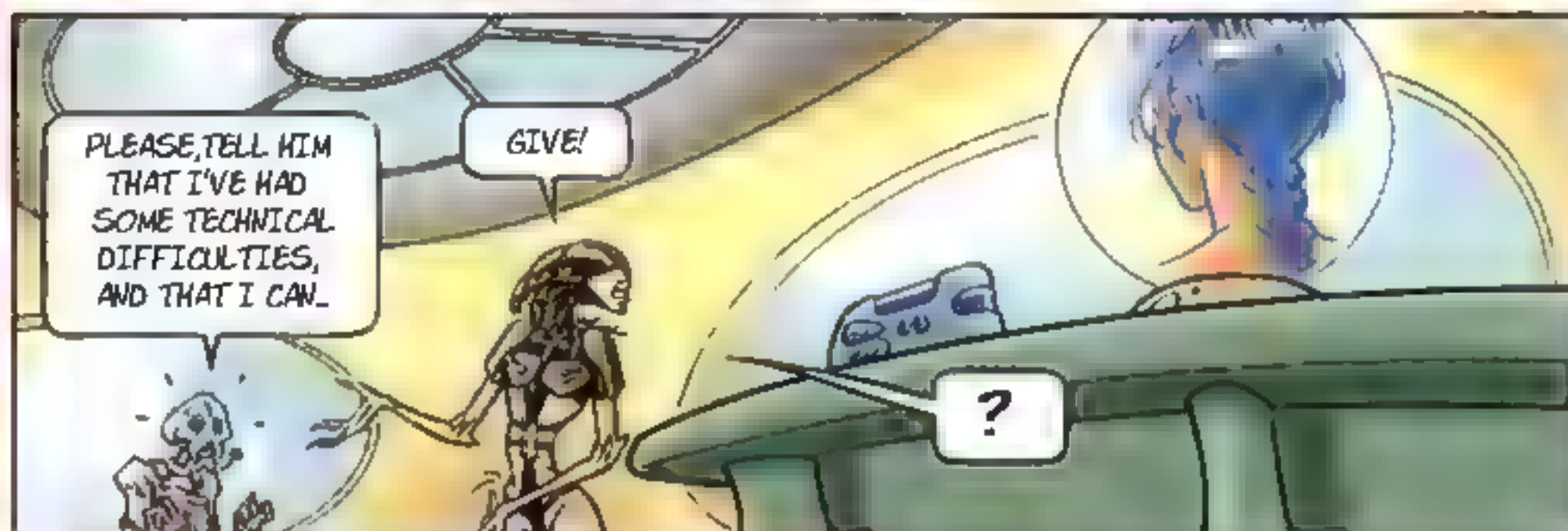
SURELY YOU'VE COME FOR
THE VISTERN. I'M USUALLY
QUICK, BUT THIS TIME...



WHERE?



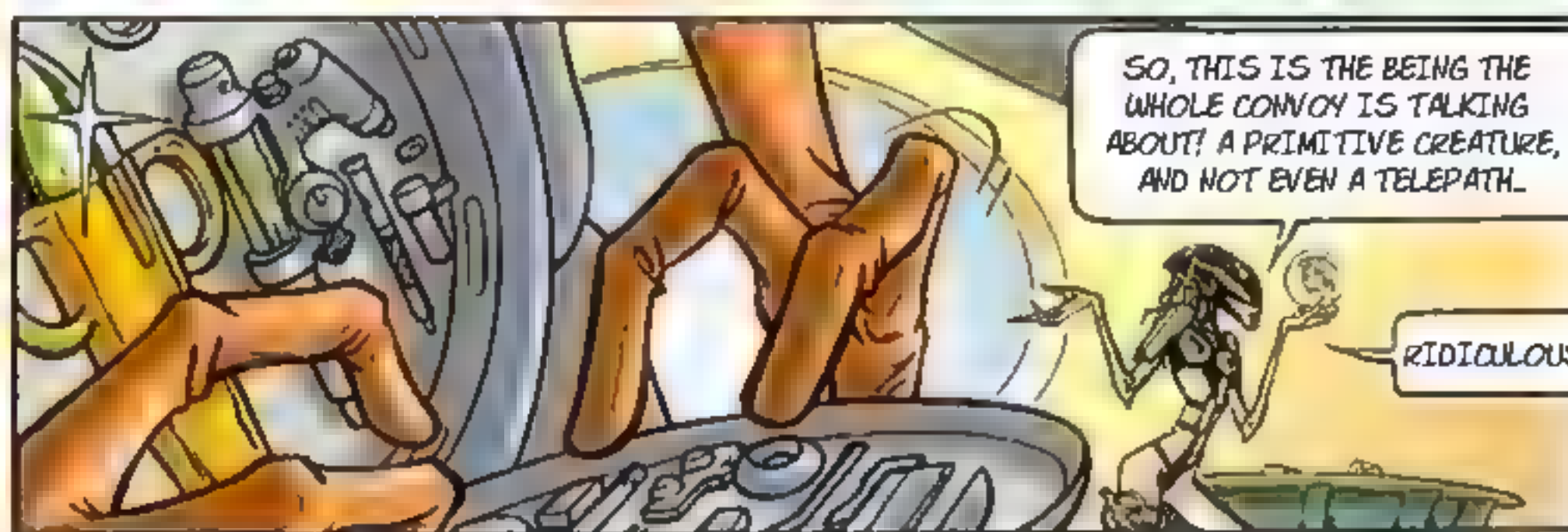
YOU DIDN'T HEAR
ME! I HAVEN'T
FINISHED IT YET!



PLEASE, TELL HIM
THAT I'VE HAD
SOME TECHNICAL
DIFFICULTIES,
AND THAT I CAN...

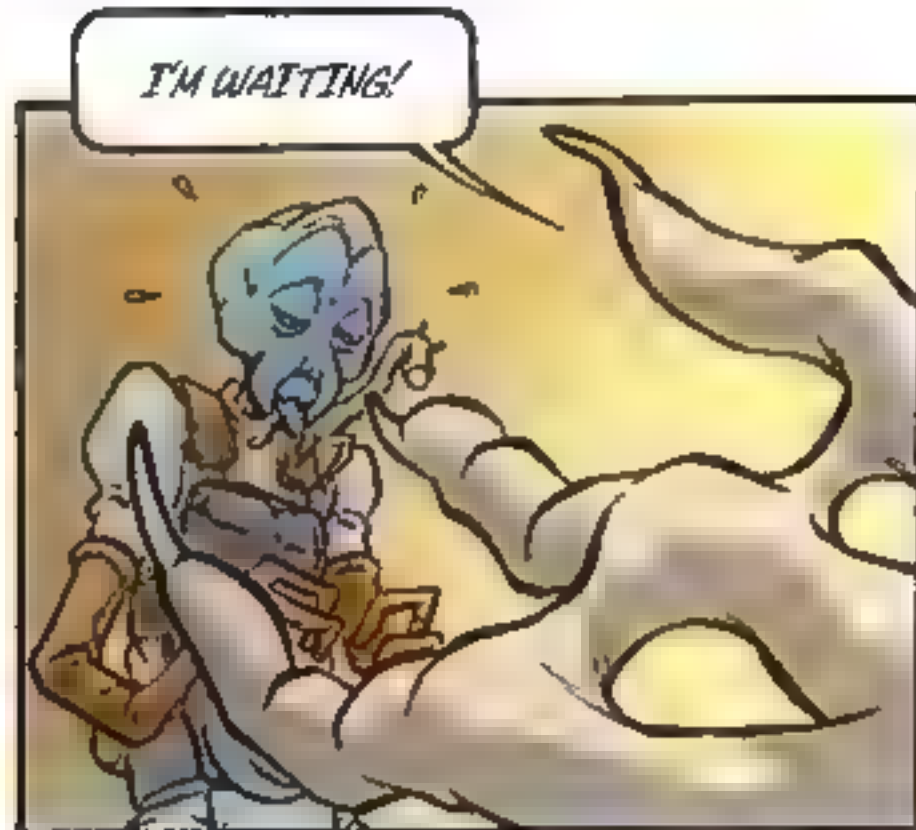
GIVE!

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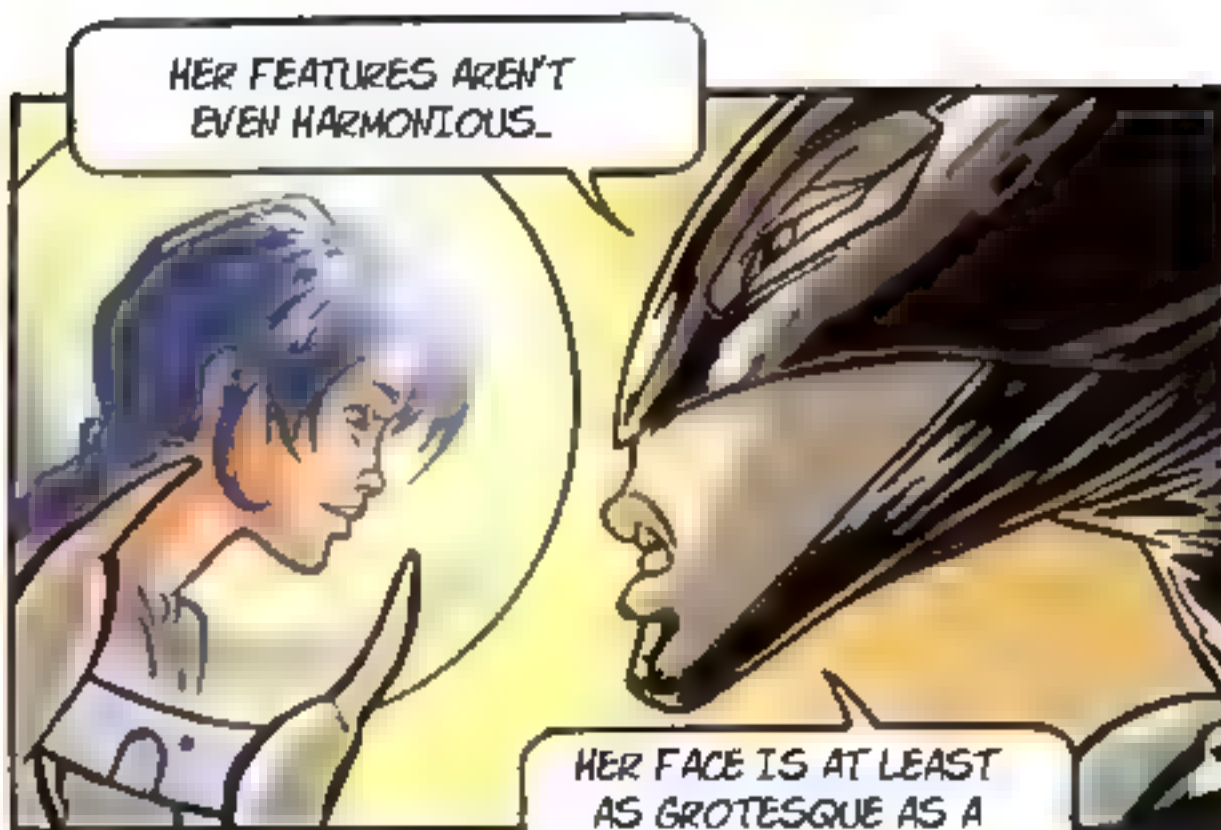


SO, THIS IS THE BEING THE
WHOLE CONVOY IS TALKING
ABOUT! A PRIMITIVE CREATURE,
AND NOT EVEN A TELEPATH.

RIDICULOUS!



I'M WAITING!

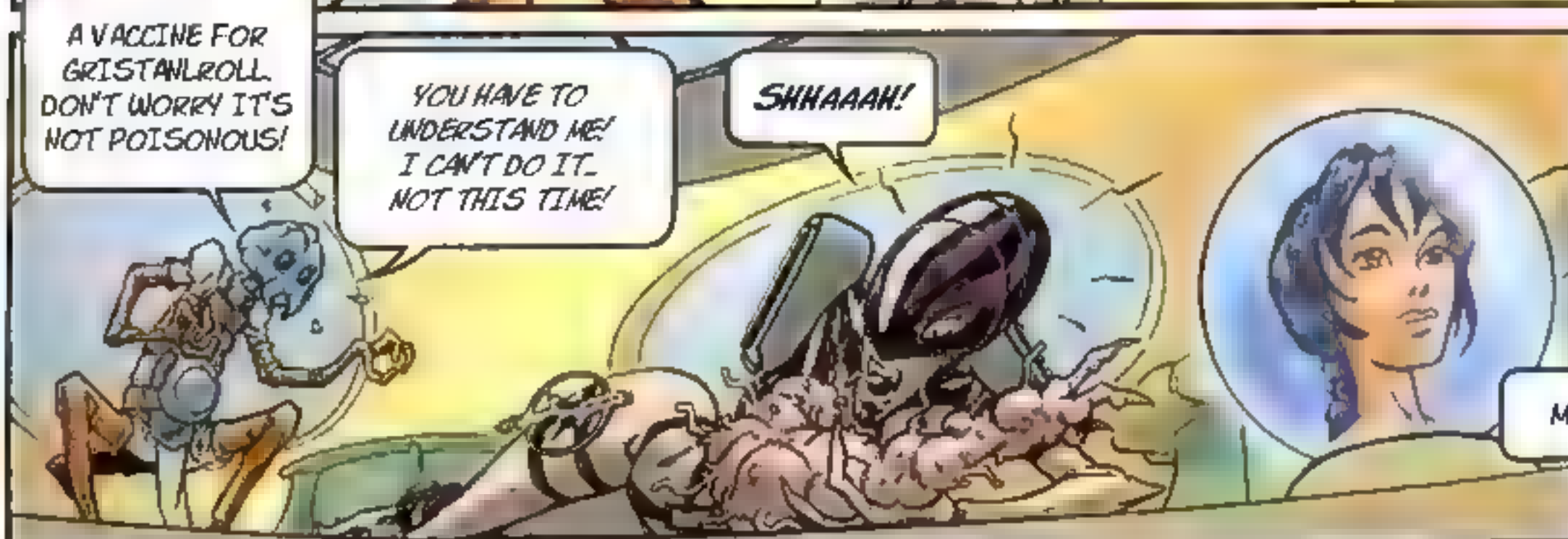


HER FEATURES AREN'T EVEN HARMONIOUS.



HER FACE IS AT LEAST AS GROTESQUE AS A MIGROLEM'S!

WHAT?! MY ARM, THAT SYRINGE?! WHAT DID YOU INJECT INTO ME?



EXCUSE ME, I...

A VACCINE FOR GRISTANLROLL. DON'T WORRY IT'S NOT POISONOUS!

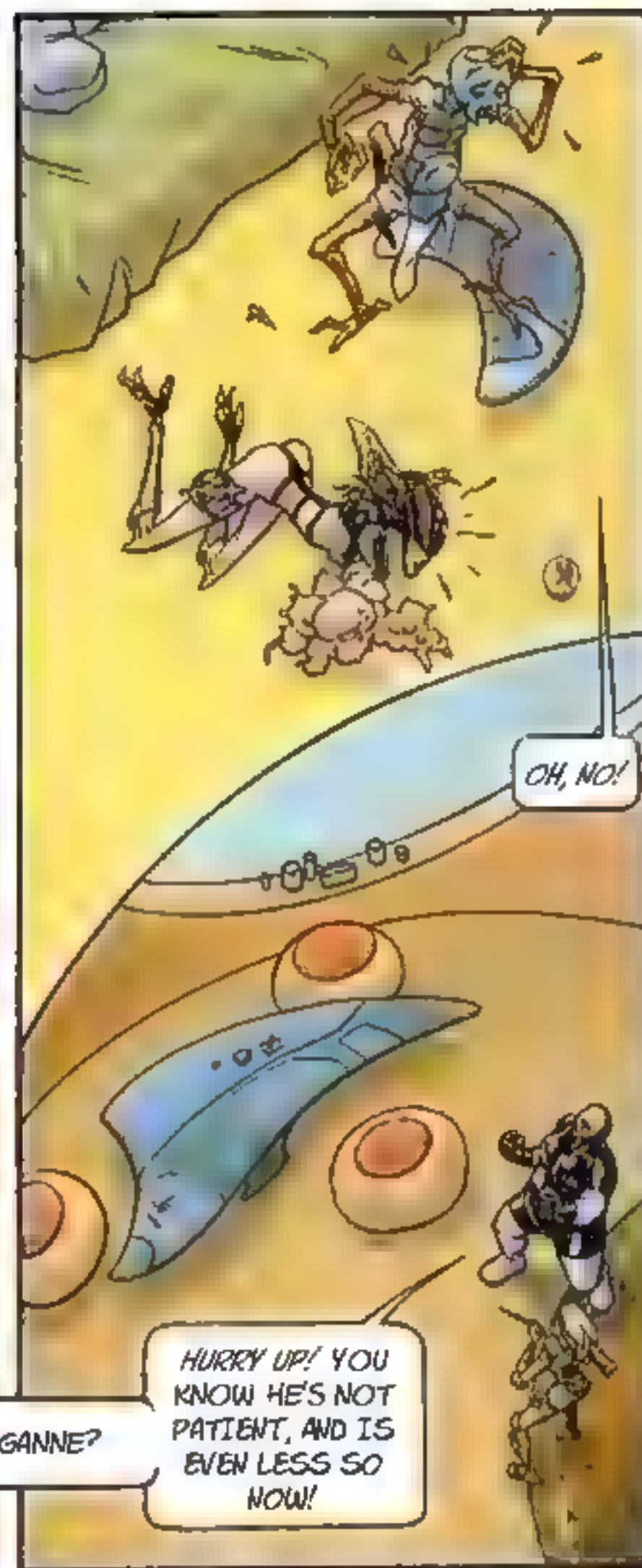
YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND ME! I CAN'T DO IT. NOT THIS TIME!

SHHAAAHH!



MY GANNE?

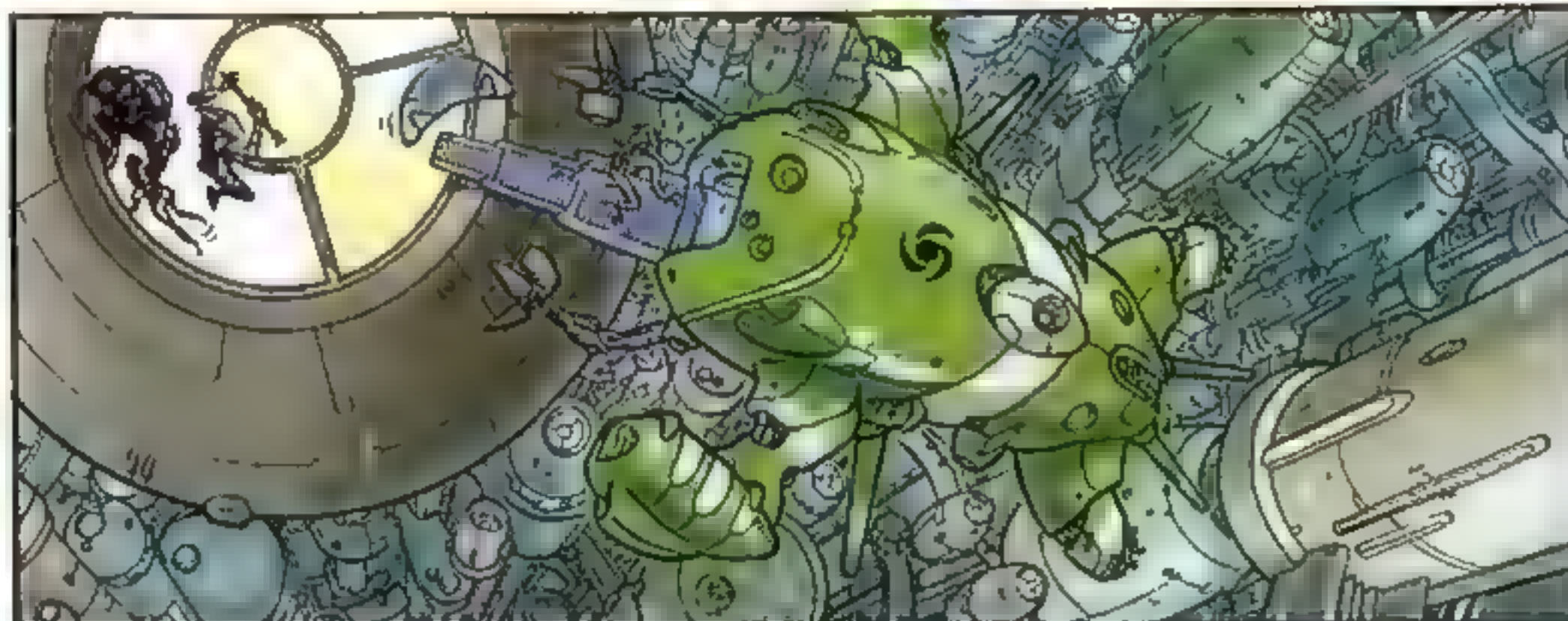
HURRY UP! YOU KNOW HE'S NOT PATIENT, AND IS EVEN LESS SO NOW!



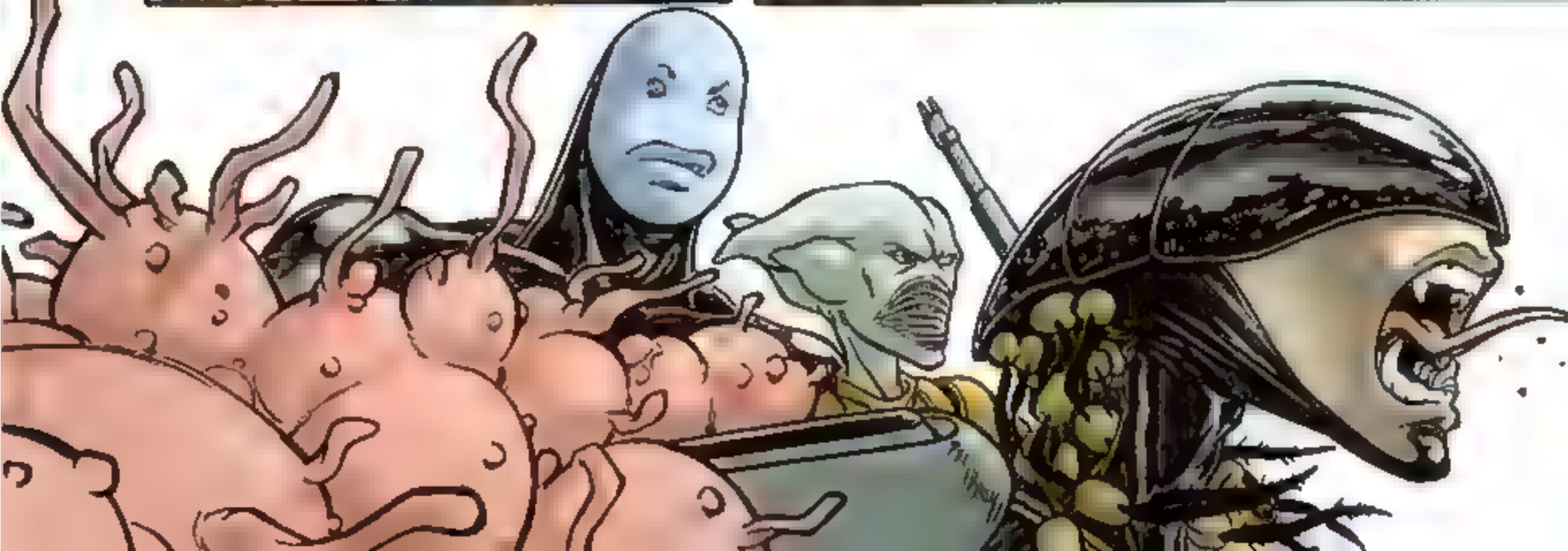
OH, NO!



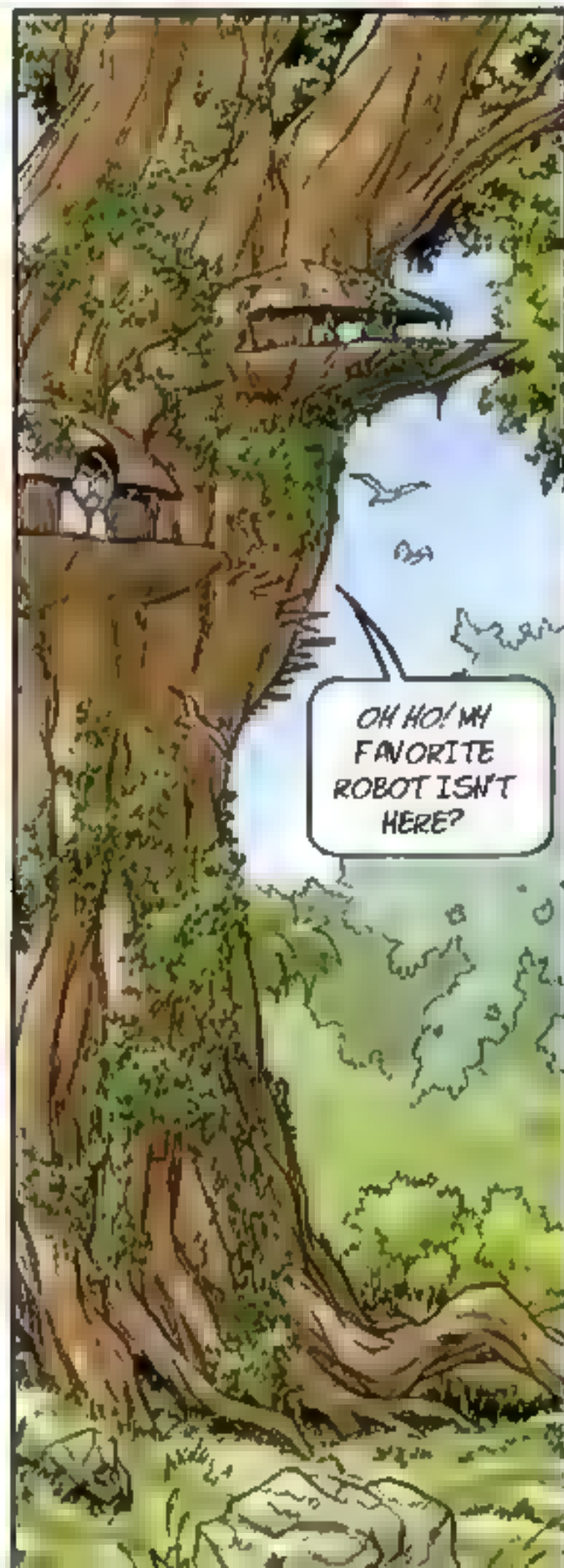
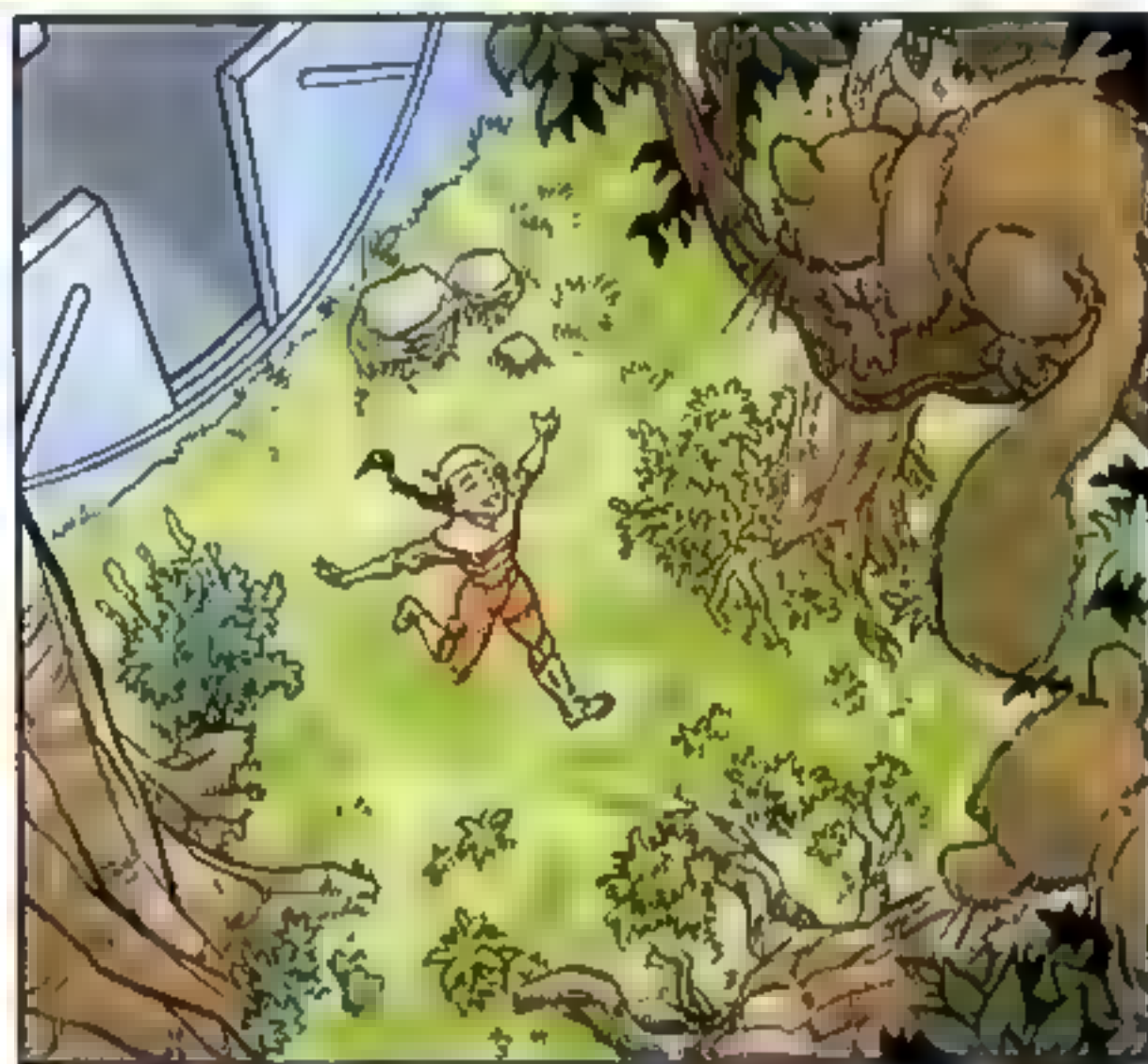
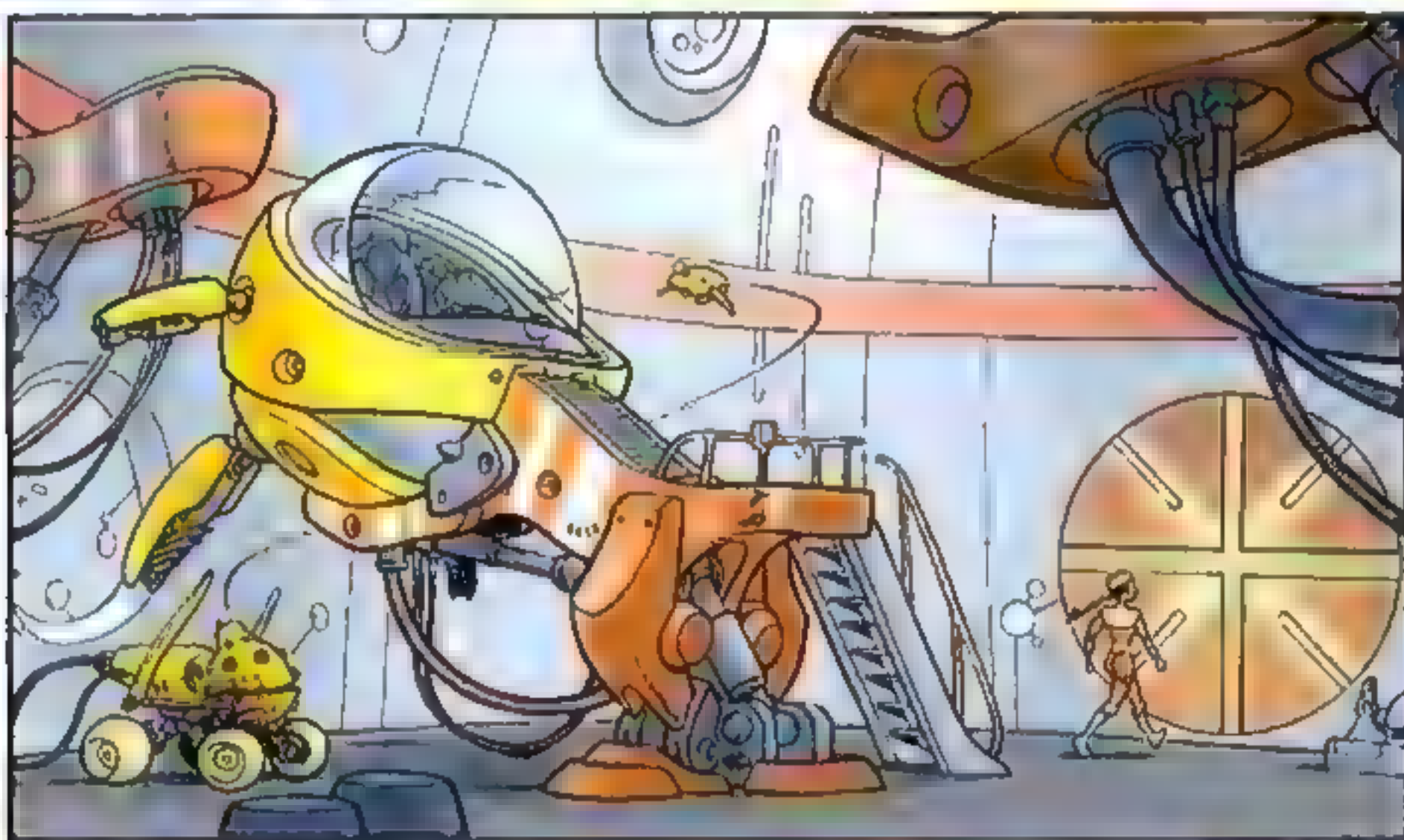
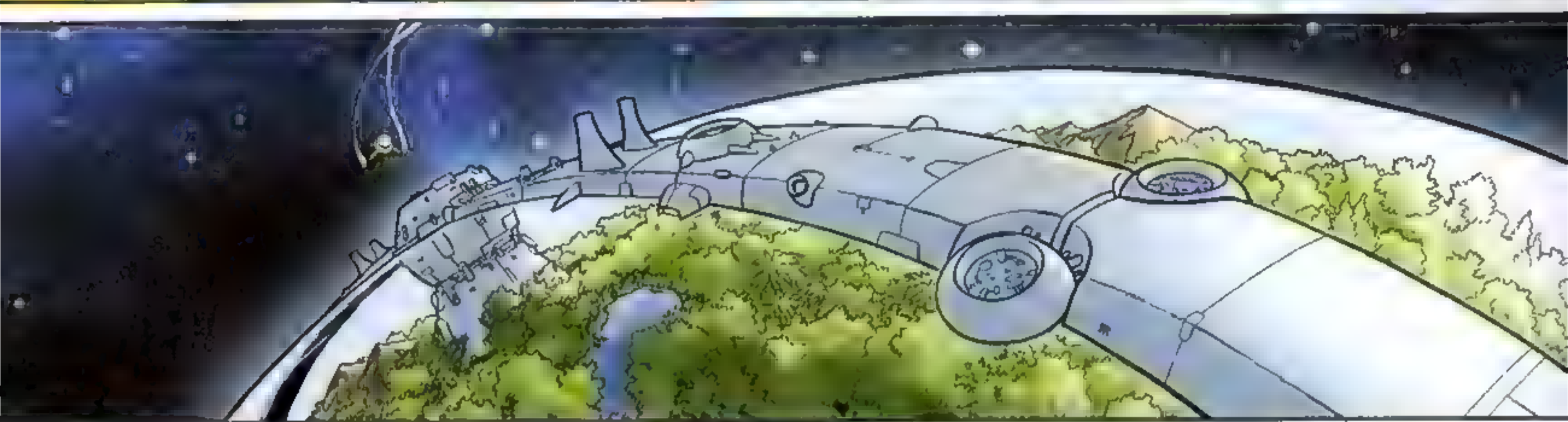
HERE! QUICK!



THE BASTARD!



SSSHHHHHHHH!



MACKEL-LOOS TOLD ME THAT
YOU IMPOSED YOUR WILL ON
THE CHAIR-WOMAN!

AH, YES. I UPSET HER A
LITTLE BIT BUT I CAN'T
REALLY REFUSE.

STAYING WITH WAKE
IS MY ONLY HOPE OF
ONE DAY CROSSING
THE PATH OF ONE OF
MY RACE'S SHIPS.

I HAVE TWO PIECES OF NEWS.
GOOD AND EVEN BETTER! WHICH
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR FIRST?

HEE... THAT
IS HARDLY
RATIONAL!

FIRST THE GOOD,
OKAY?

TAH-DAH!
GUESS WHAT
I'VE GOT IN
MY HAND?

IT CAN'T BE!!
RIB'WUND WAS
SUCCESSFUL
IN GETTING
ONE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
RIB'WUND IS A GENERAL
NOW, THANKS TO ME! HE
COULDN'T REFUSE ME.

A COMBAT CHIP!
I CAN FINALLY
LEARN HOW TO
DEFEND MYSELF!
I NEVER THOUGHT
THAT WOULD EVER
BE POSSIBLE.

IT'S ILLEGAL FOR MY CLASS
OF ROBOT TO HAVE ONE OF
THESE MODULES!

I'LL INSTALL IT
IN YOU RIGHT
NOW!

AND THE SECOND
PIECE OF GOOD
NEWS?

GUESS WHAT I MET SOMEONE
WHO IS INTERESTED IN ME,
NOT FOR WHAT I AM OR MY
COMMUNICATION CAPABILITIES,
BUT FOR MY PERSONALITY,
MY CHARACTER... FOR THE
REAL ME!

HE EVEN INVITED
ME TO HIS SHIP!
I'M SUPPOSED TO
BE THERE IN FOUR
HOURS.

TOO BAD FOR
HIM. HE DOESN'T
KNOW WHAT HE'S
GETTING INTO!
WHAT'S THIS
POOR BEING'S
NAME?

ENFHU ATFUKAN, IF I REMEMBER
HIS NAME CORRECTLY...

THE CONSUL?

YEP THAT'S
HE SAID.

IN FACT, HE HAS AN ODD REPUTATION. NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT HIM. YET, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, HE REFUSES THE NUMEROUS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES FOR HIM.

A PERSON APART FROM OTHERS...

AH, WELL... THAT GIVES US SOMETHING IN COMMON THEN...

THERE, FINISHED!

YOU... YOU THINK THAT IT IS FULLY FUNCTIONAL RIGHT NOW?

YOU JUST HAVE TO TRY IT!

I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO LOSE. I HAVE TO GET CHANGED.

HMM...

HA!

YAH!

PFFF...

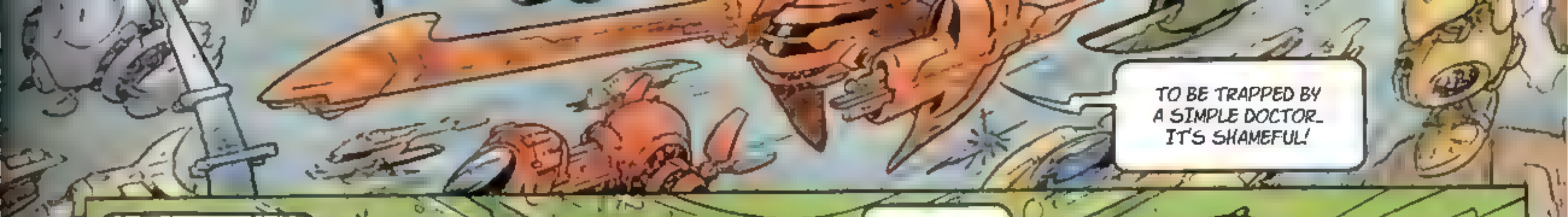
POW!

KEEYAH!

I'LL SEE YOU LATER, SNIVEL...

OKAY

...



TO BE TRAPPED BY
A SIMPLE DOCTOR.
IT'S SHAMEFUL!

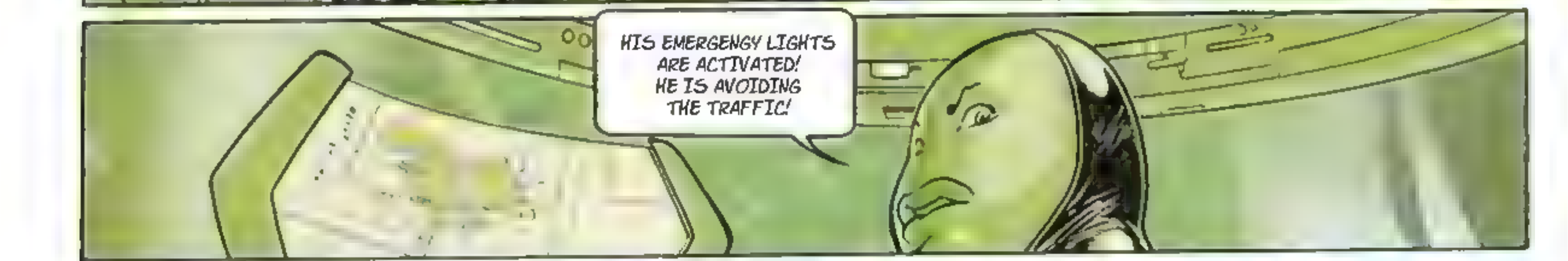


HIS MENTAL
PARASITE
PREVENTS HIS
THOUGHTS FROM
BEING READ,
REMEMBER?

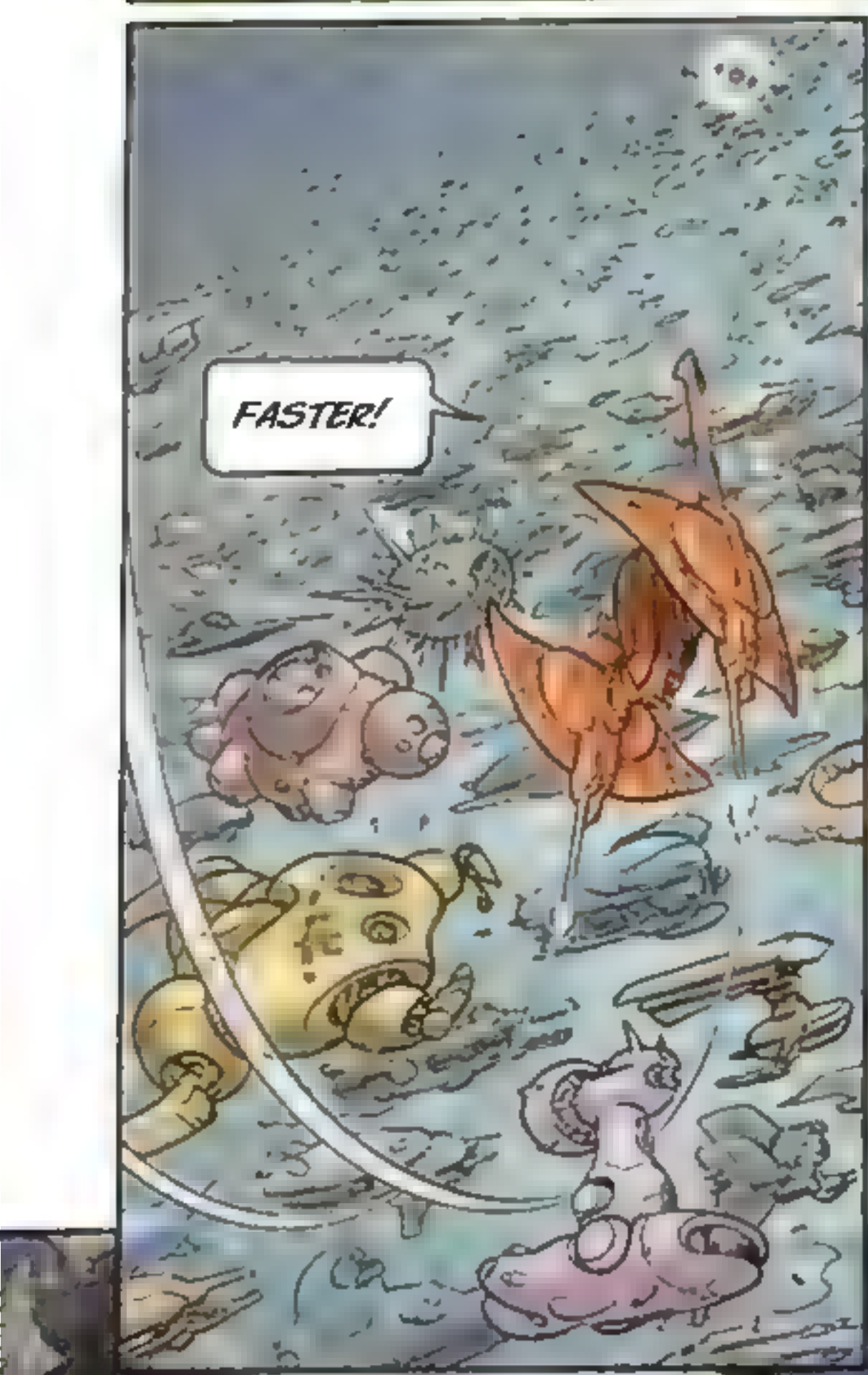
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT
LARVA WOULD BE CAPABLE
OF DOING SUCH A THING!

YES, BUT
I WARNED
YOU TO...

GOT
HIM!



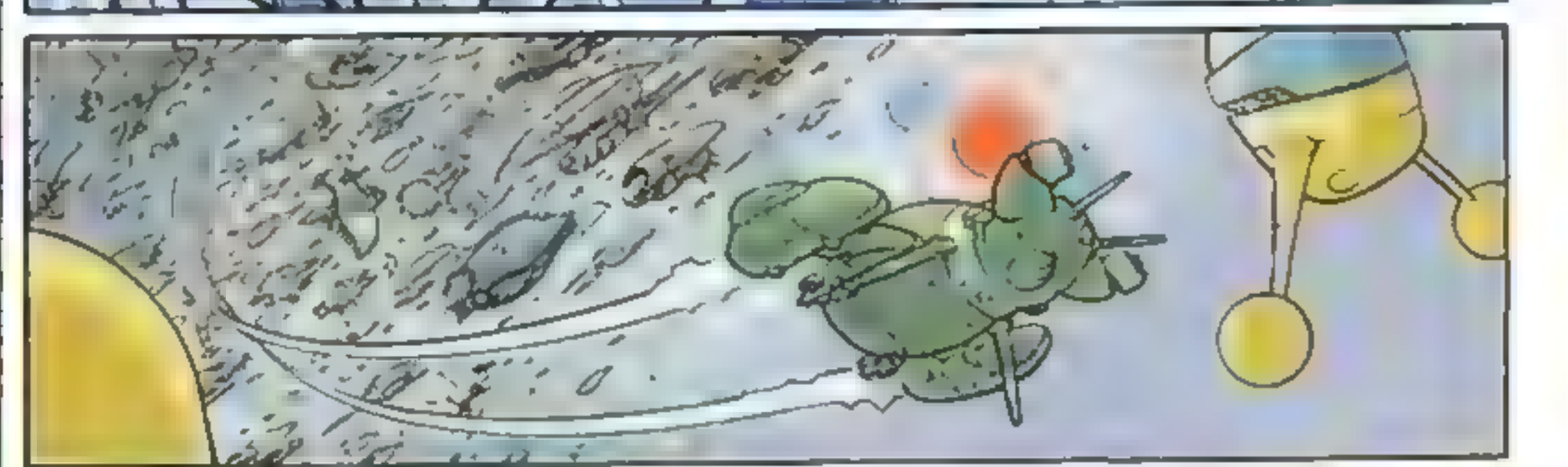
HIS EMERGENCY LIGHTS
ARE ACTIVATED!
HE IS AVOIDING
THE TRAFFIC!



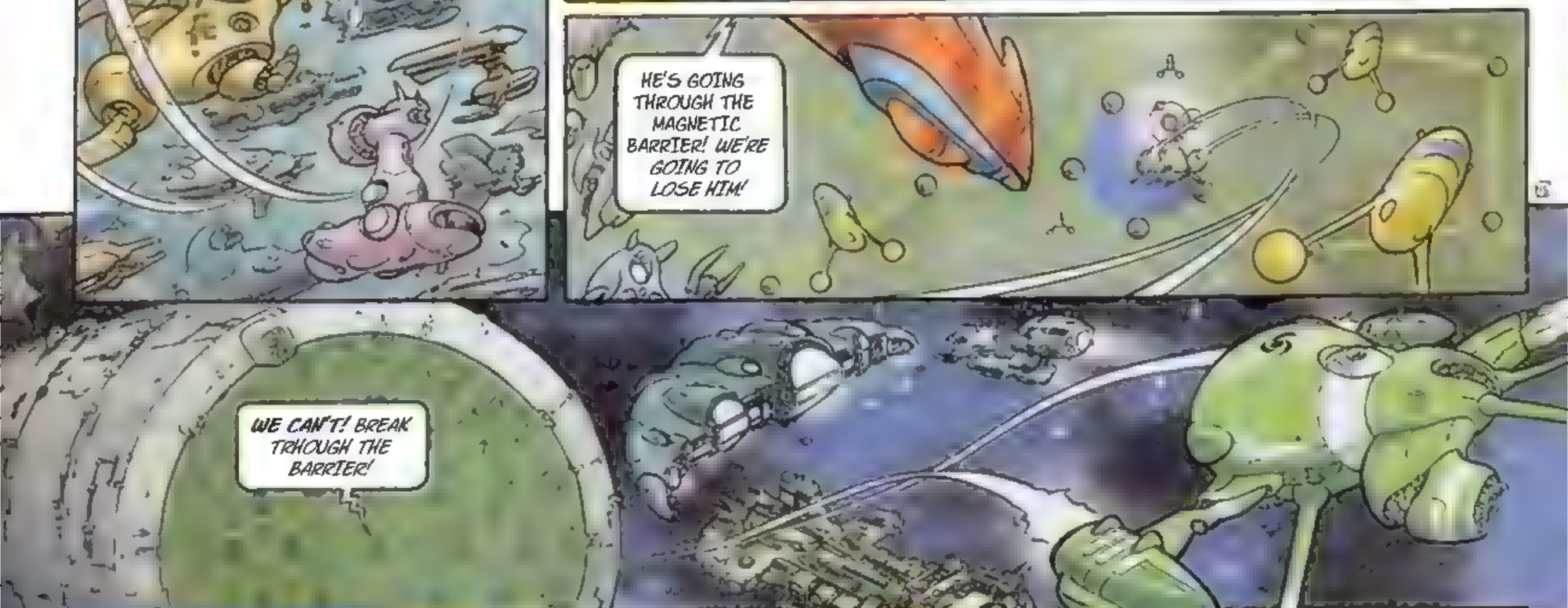
FASTER!



MY GOODNESS!
THEY HAVE
FOUND ME!



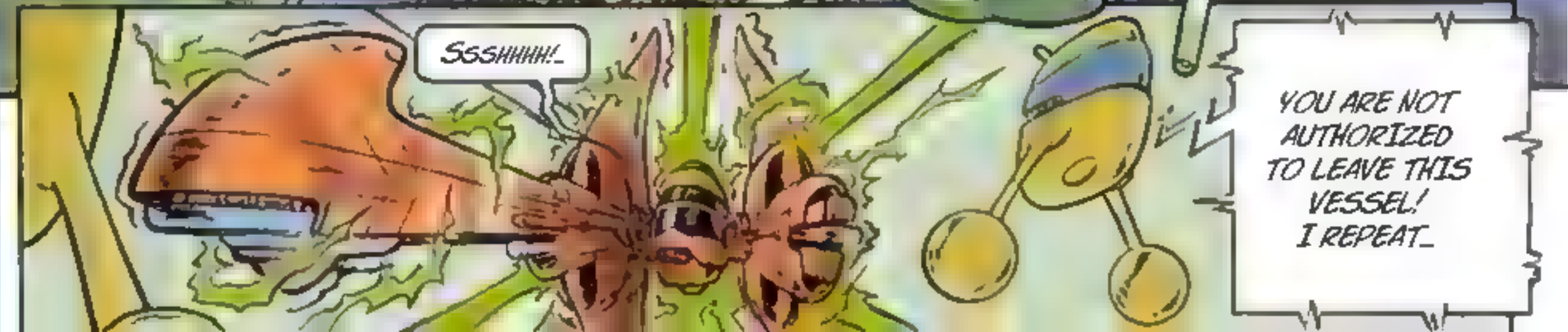
HE'S GOING
THROUGH THE
MAGNETIC
BARRIER! WE'RE
GOING TO
LOSE HIM!



WE CAN'T! BREAK
THROUGH THE
BARRIER!



FFF...



SSSHHHH!

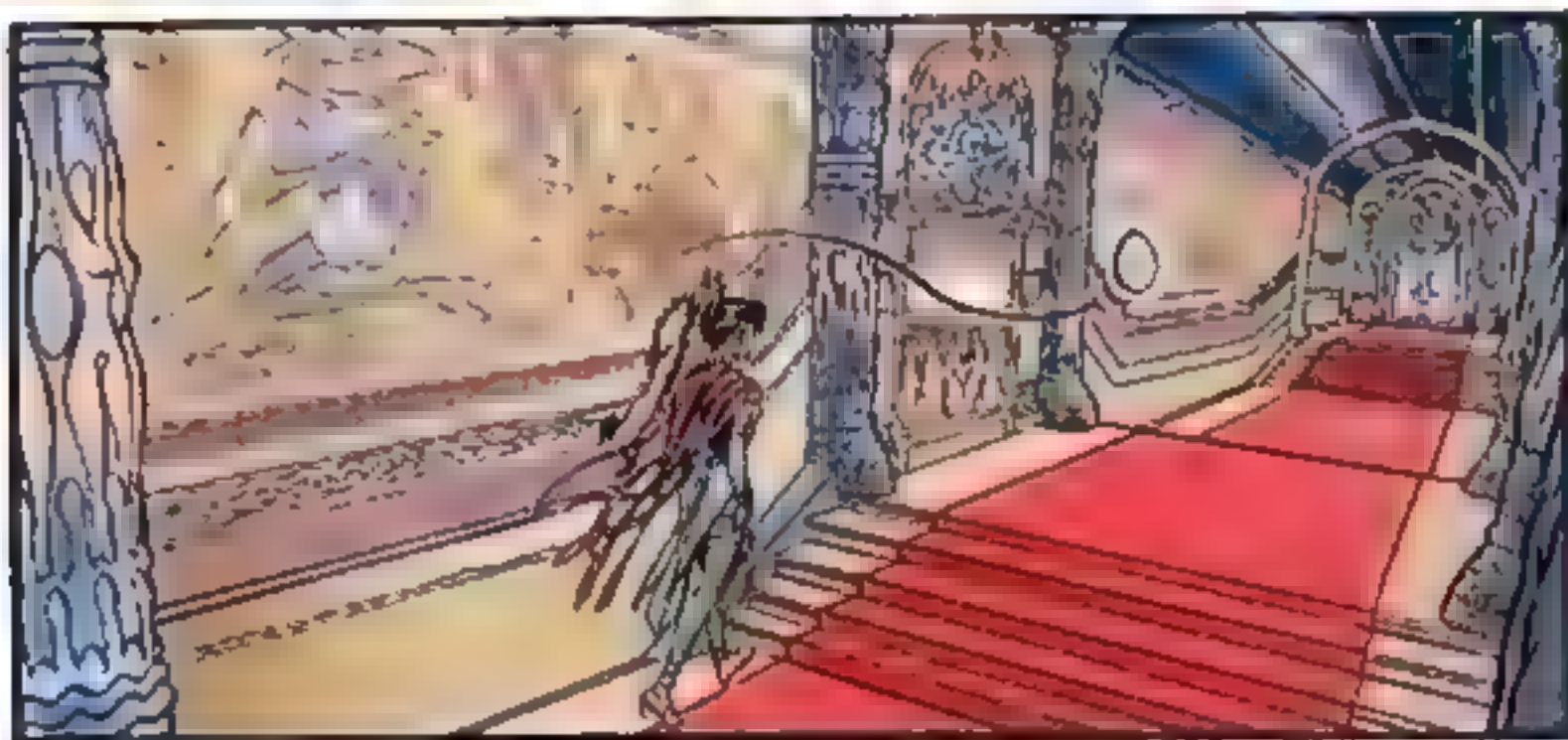
YOU ARE NOT
AUTHORIZED
TO LEAVE THIS
VESSEL!
I REPEAT.



WELCOME TO
KANNOTEKINA III.
THE CONSUL IS
AWAITING YOU IN
THE BLUE SALON.
FOLLOW ME.



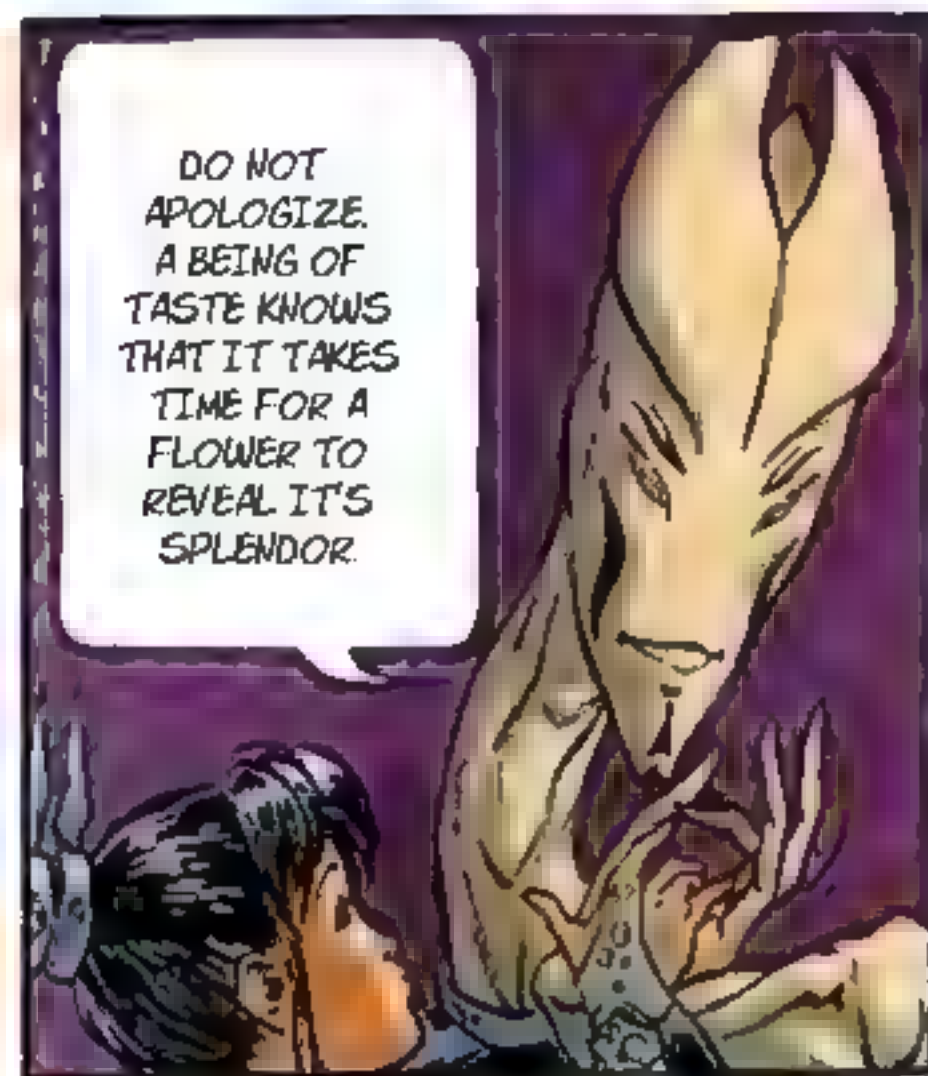
NÄVIS, YOU ARE
HERE! NOTHING COULD
BRING ME MORE JOY!



LEAVE US NOW.

VERY
WELL,
CONSUL.

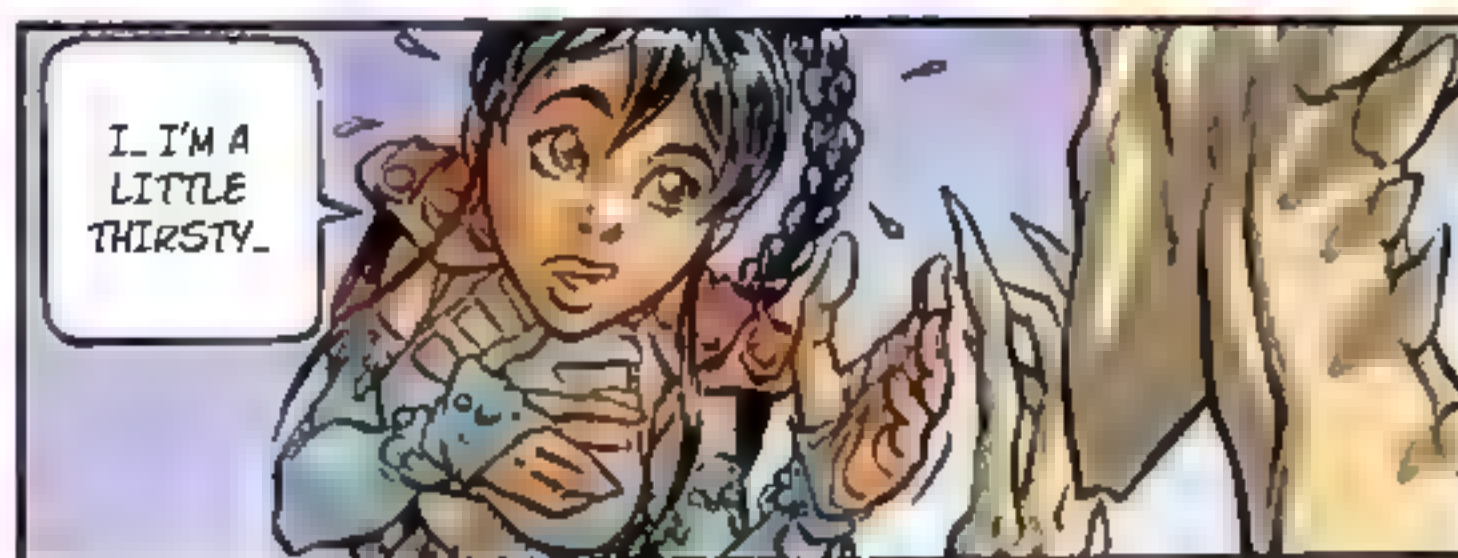
SORRY TO BE SO LATE. IT'S
JUST THAT I'M NOT USED TO THESE
DRESSES. IT TOOK ME A WHILE
TO CHOOSE ONE.



DO NOT
APOLOGIZE.
A BEING OF
TASTE KNOWS
THAT IT TAKES
TIME FOR A
FLOWER TO
REVEAL ITS
SPLENDOR.



YOU ARE
MAGNIFICENT!
LET ME LOOK
AT YOU.



I... I'M A
LITTLE
THIRSTY.



YOU DISTRACT ME
SO MUCH THAT I'VE
FORGOTTEN MY
DUTIES AS A HOST

HERE.

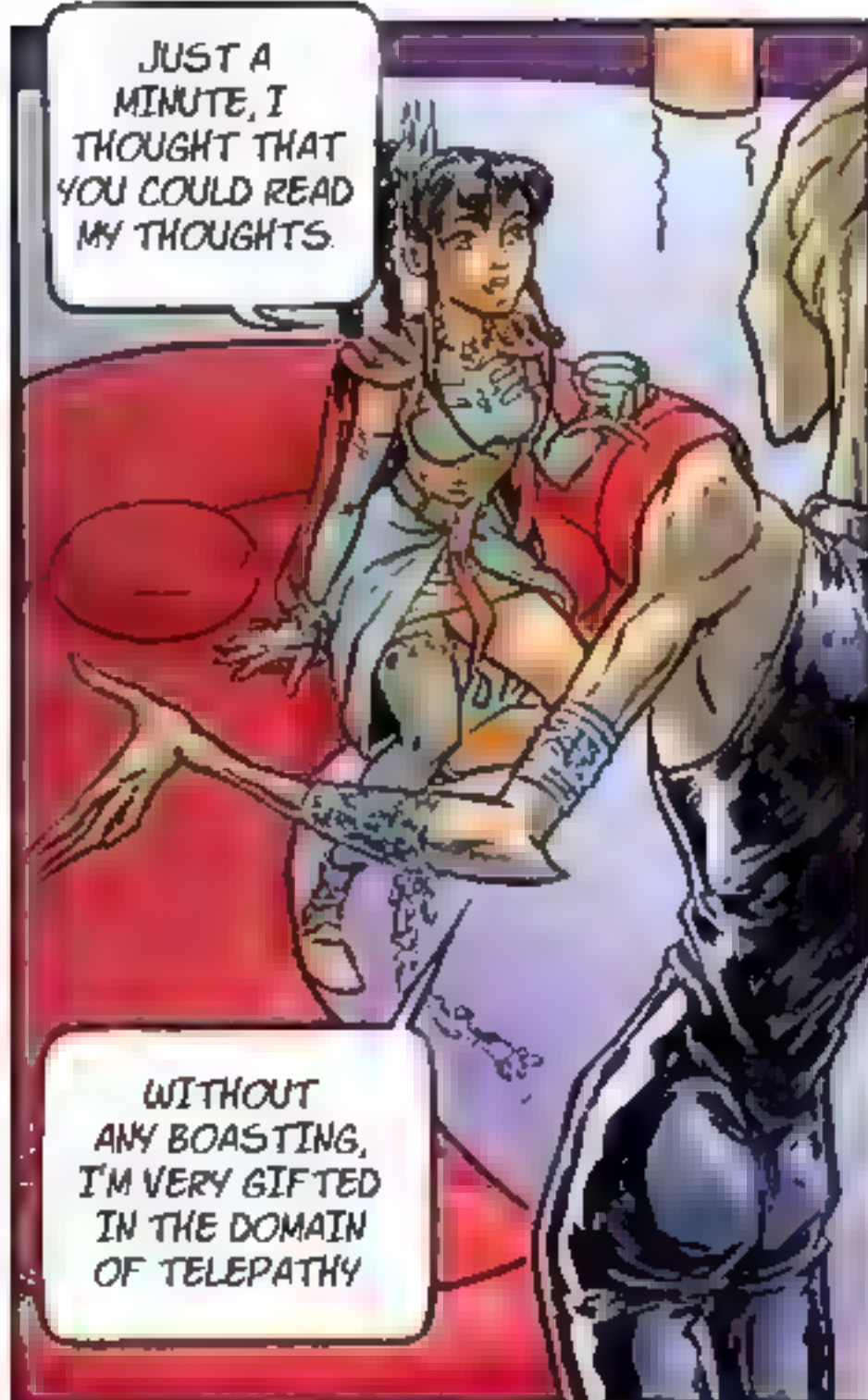
IT'S YOUR FAVORITE
DRINK, IF I'M NOT
MISTAKEN.

WELL... NO!
HOW DID YOU KNOW?



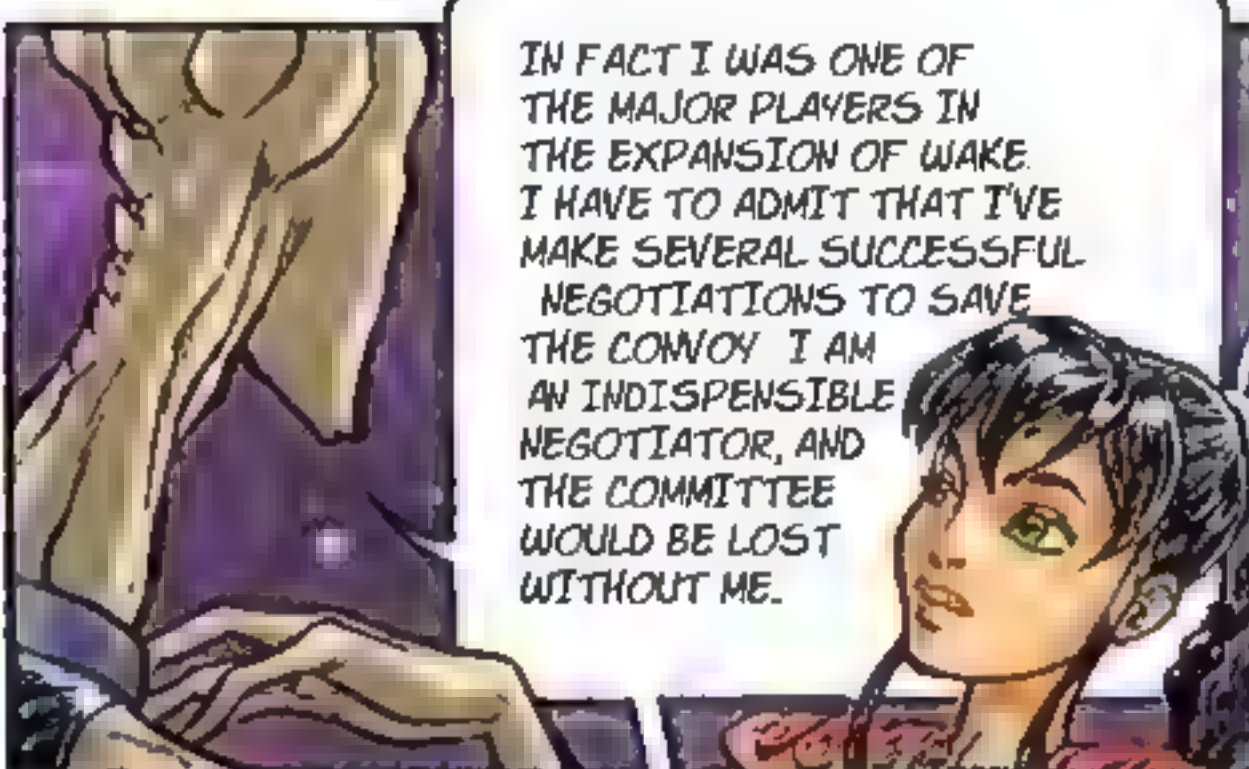
I'M A BIT
OF A
MAGICIAN,
DIDN'T
YOU
NOTICE?

AND THEN,
I HAVE MY
SOURCES
TOO...

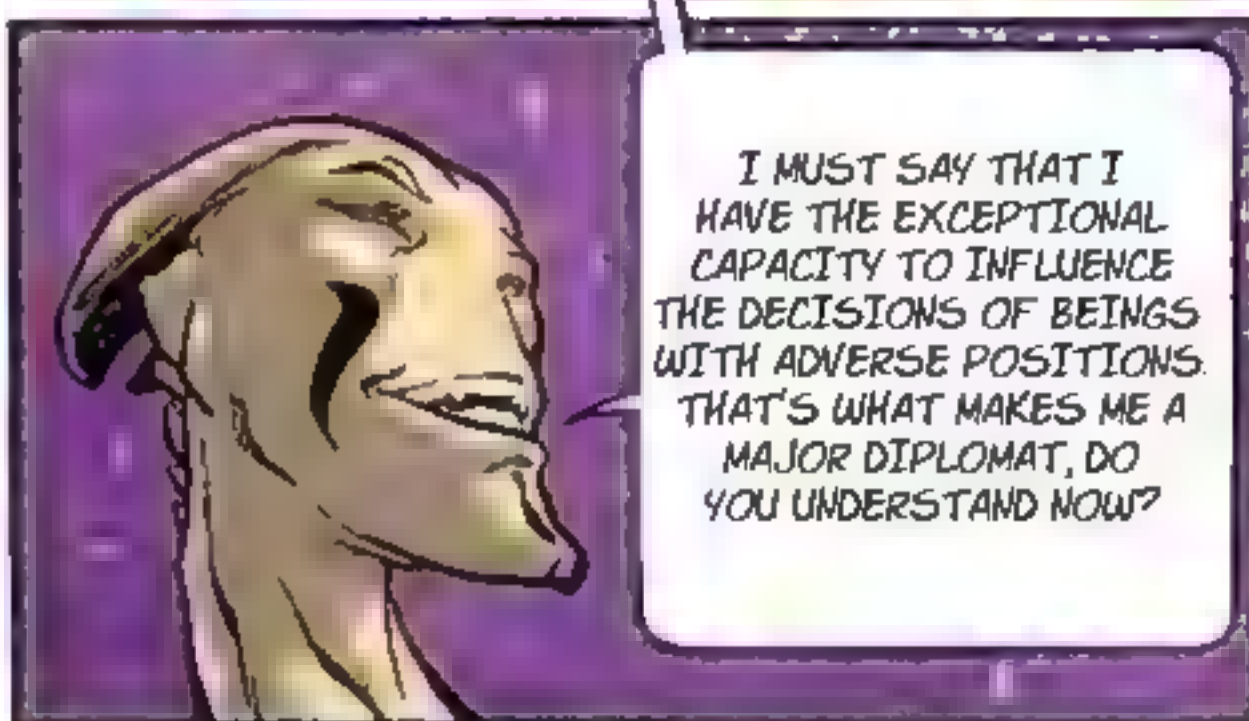


JUST A MINUTE, I THOUGHT THAT YOU COULD READ MY THOUGHTS.

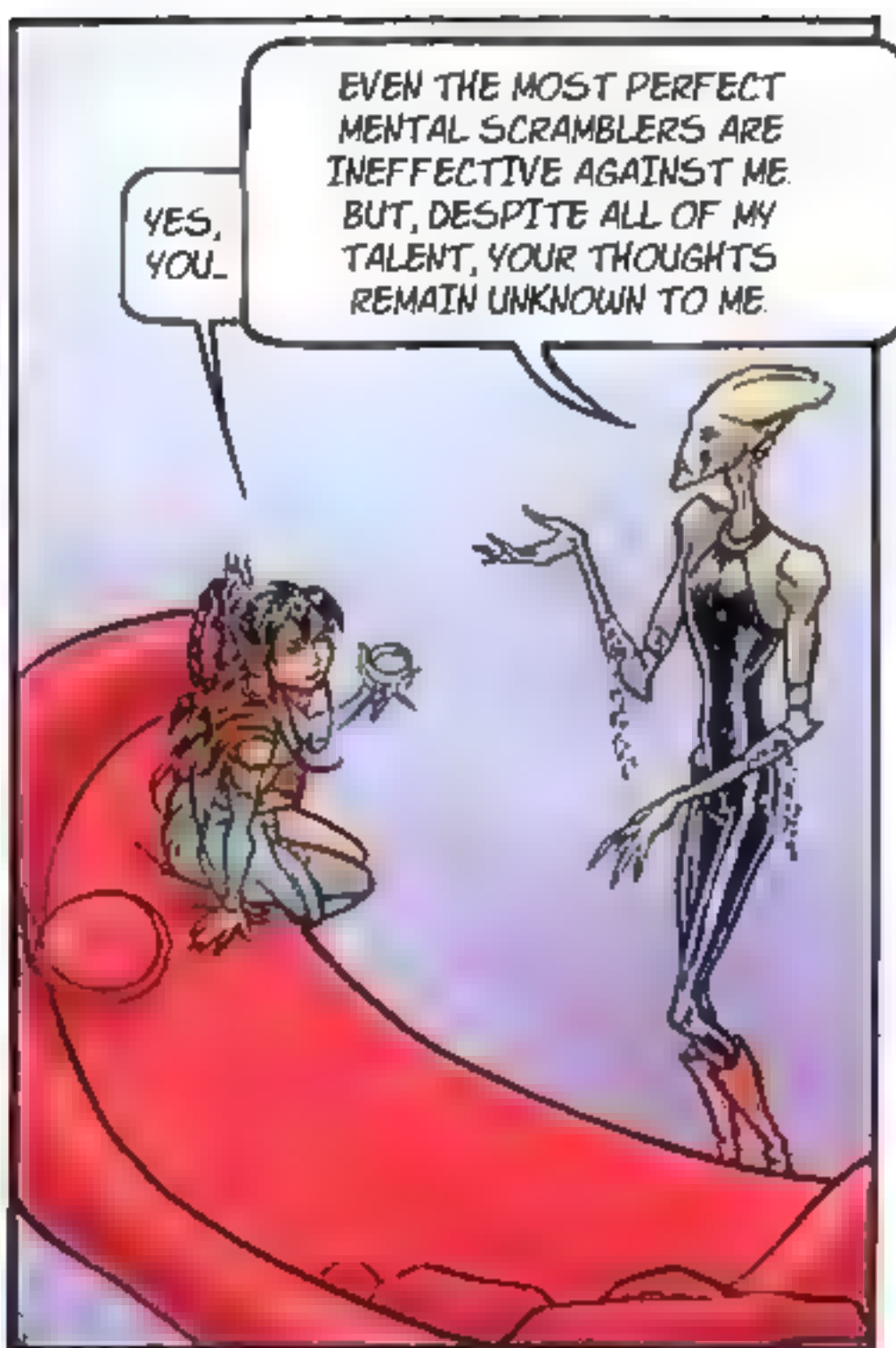
WITHOUT ANY BOASTING, I'M VERY GIFTED IN THE DOMAIN OF TELEPATHY



IN FACT I WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS IN THE EXPANSION OF WAKE. I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I'VE MADE SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO SAVE THE CONVOY I AM AN INDISPENSIBLE NEGOTIATOR, AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT ME.

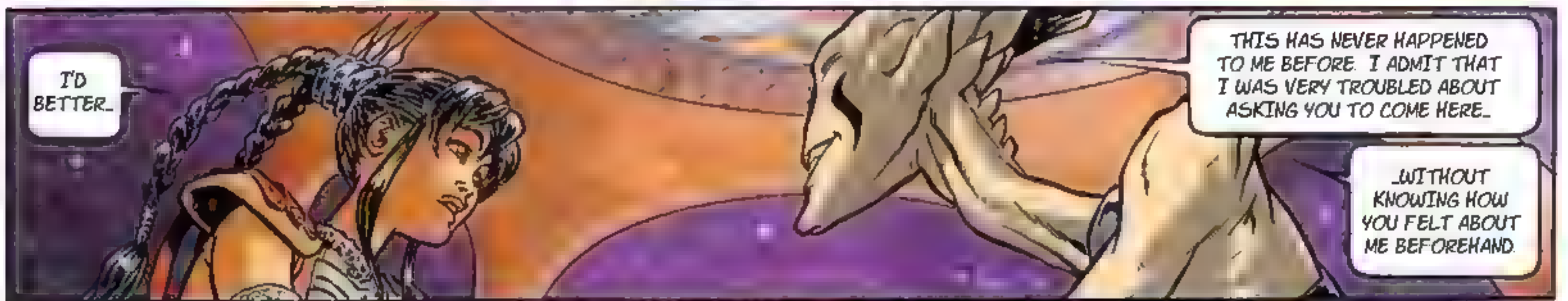


I MUST SAY THAT I HAVE THE EXCEPTIONAL CAPACITY TO INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS OF BEINGS WITH ADVERSE POSITIONS. THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A MAJOR DIPLOMAT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?



YES, YOU.

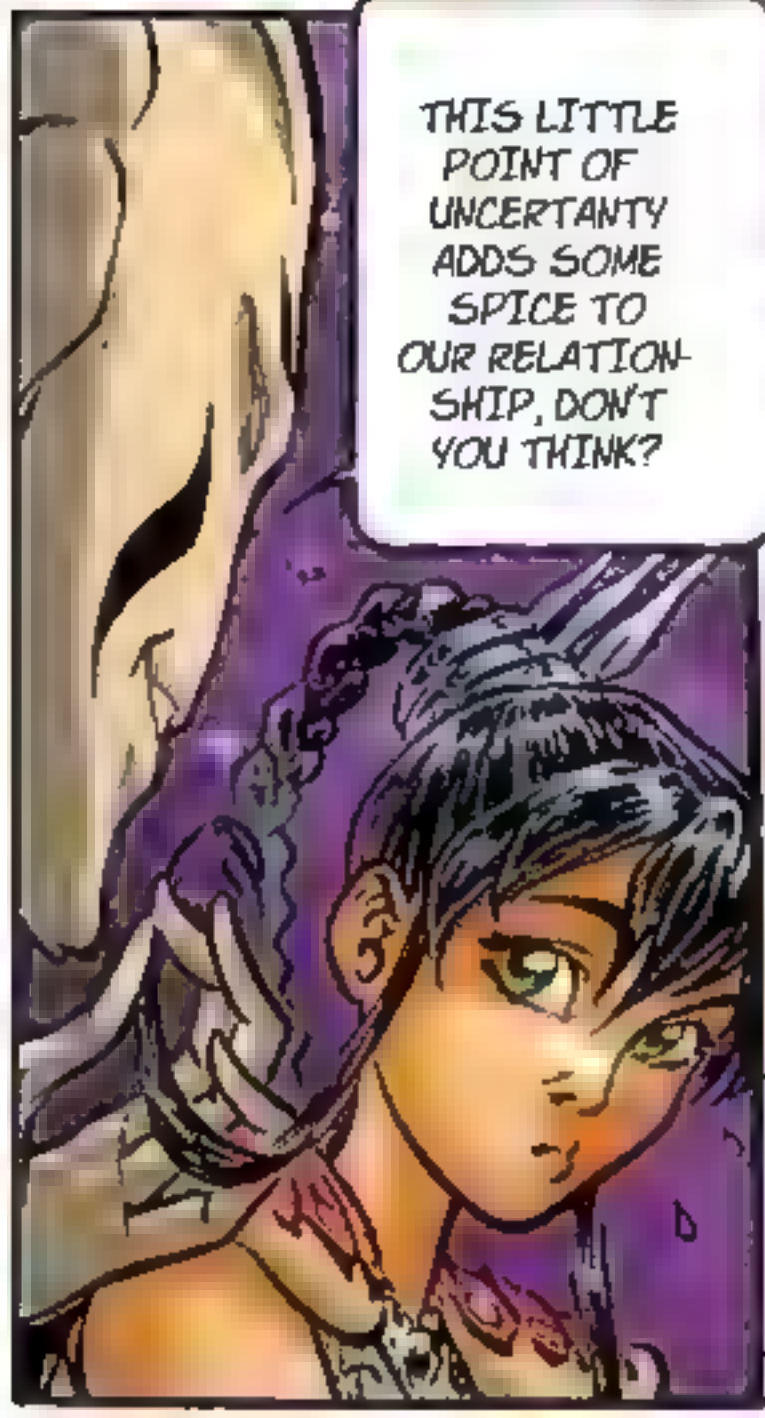
EVEN THE MOST PERFECT MENTAL SCRAMBLERS ARE INEFFECTIVE AGAINST ME. BUT, DESPITE ALL OF MY TALENT, YOUR THOUGHTS REMAIN UNKNOWN TO ME.



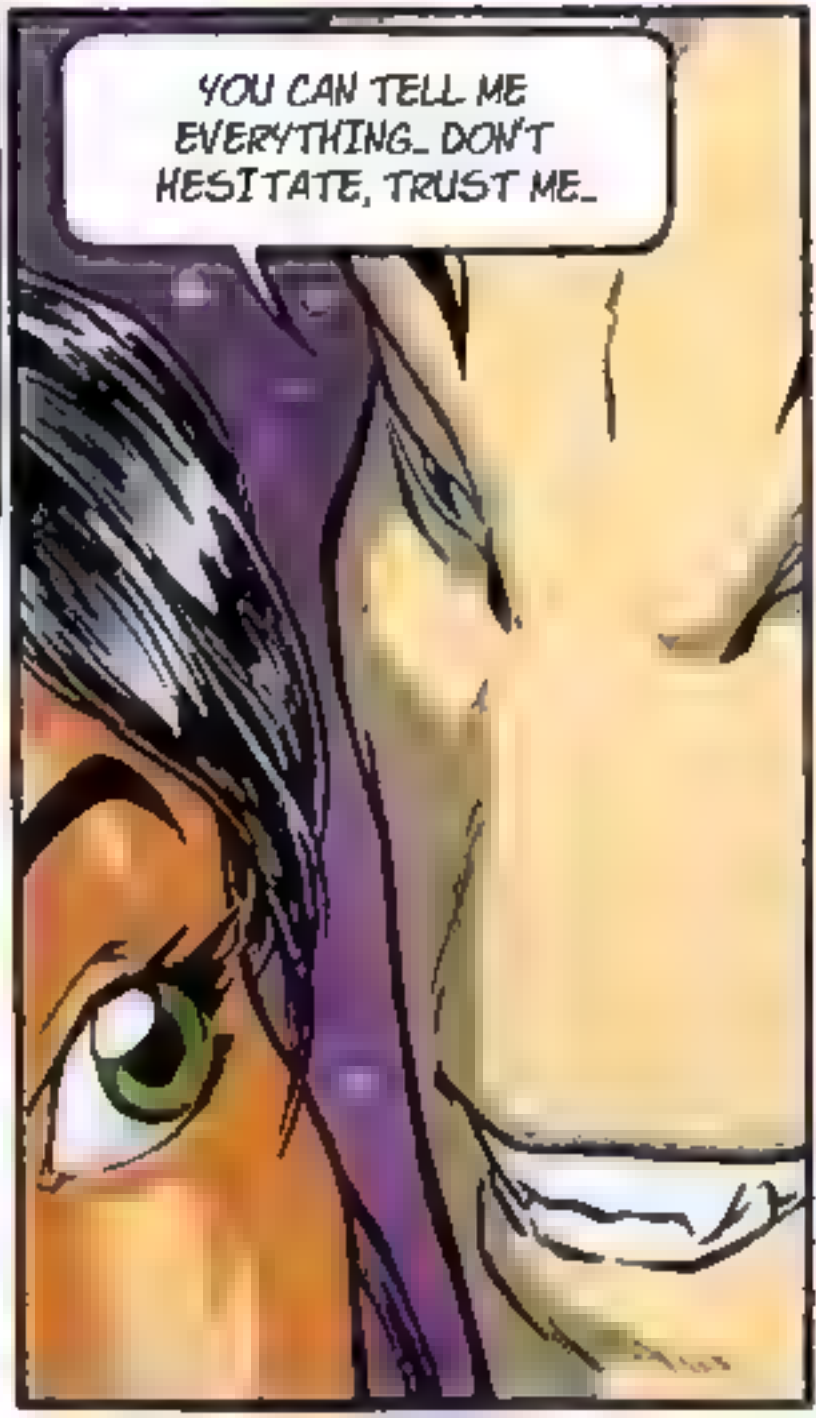
I'D BETTER.

THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE. I ADMIT THAT I WAS VERY TROUBLED ABOUT ASKING YOU TO COME HERE.

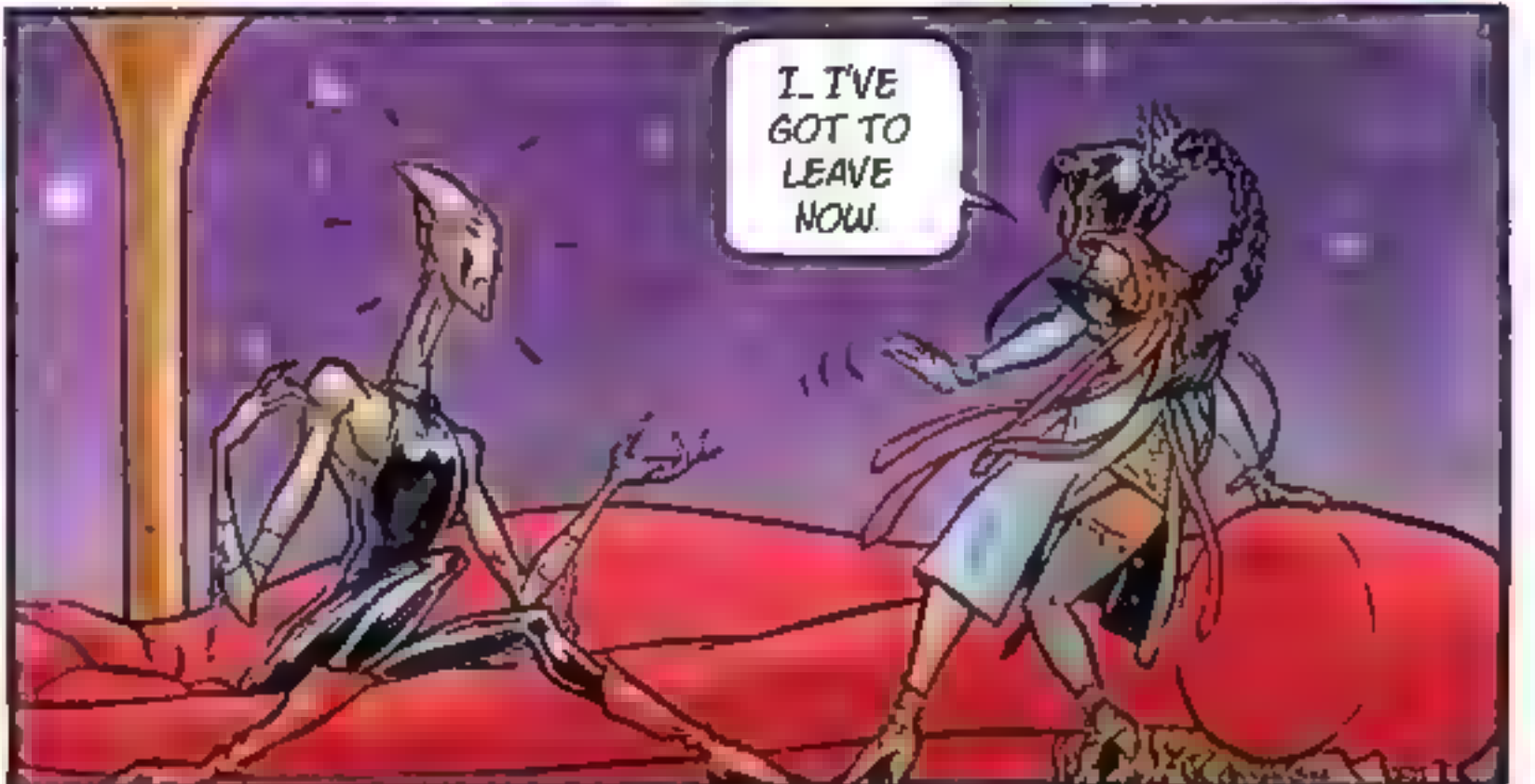
WITHOUT KNOWING HOW YOU FELT ABOUT ME BEFOREHAND.



THIS LITTLE POINT OF UNCERTAINTY ADDS SOME SPICE TO OUR RELATIONSHIP, DON'T YOU THINK?



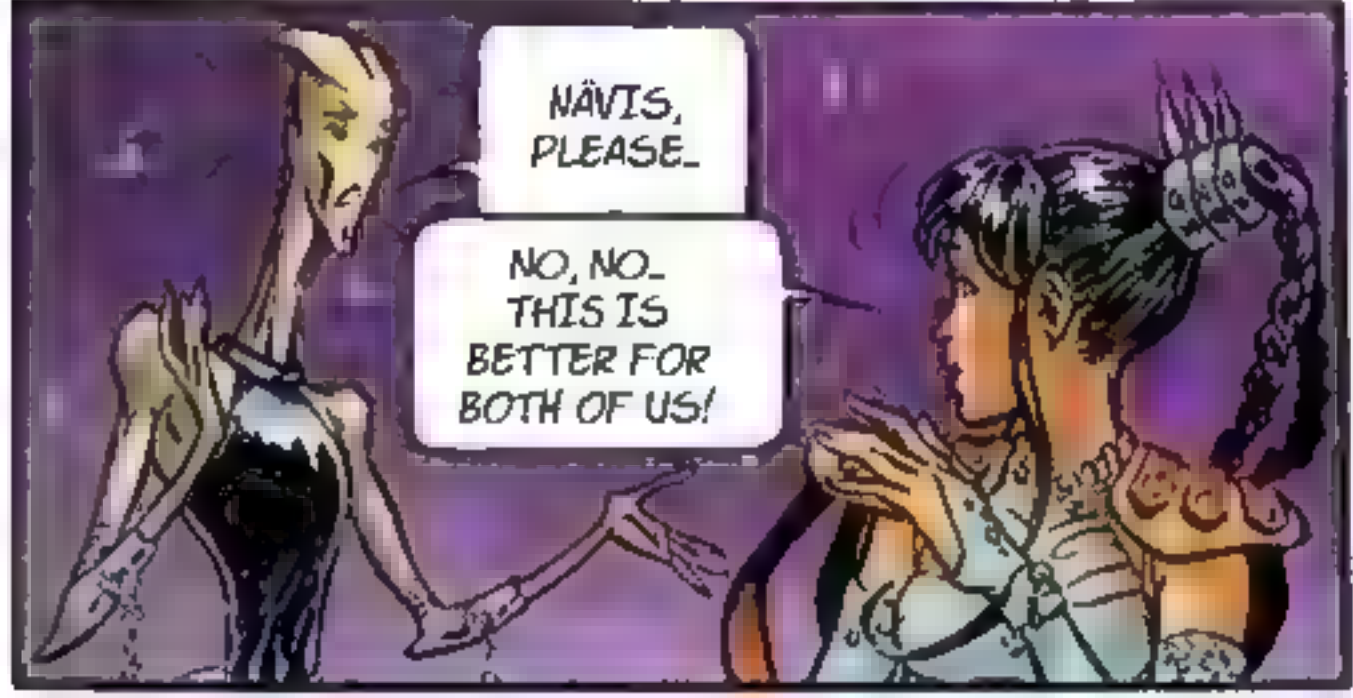
YOU CAN TELL ME EVERYTHING. DON'T HESITATE, TRUST ME.



I. I'VE GOT TO LEAVE NOW.

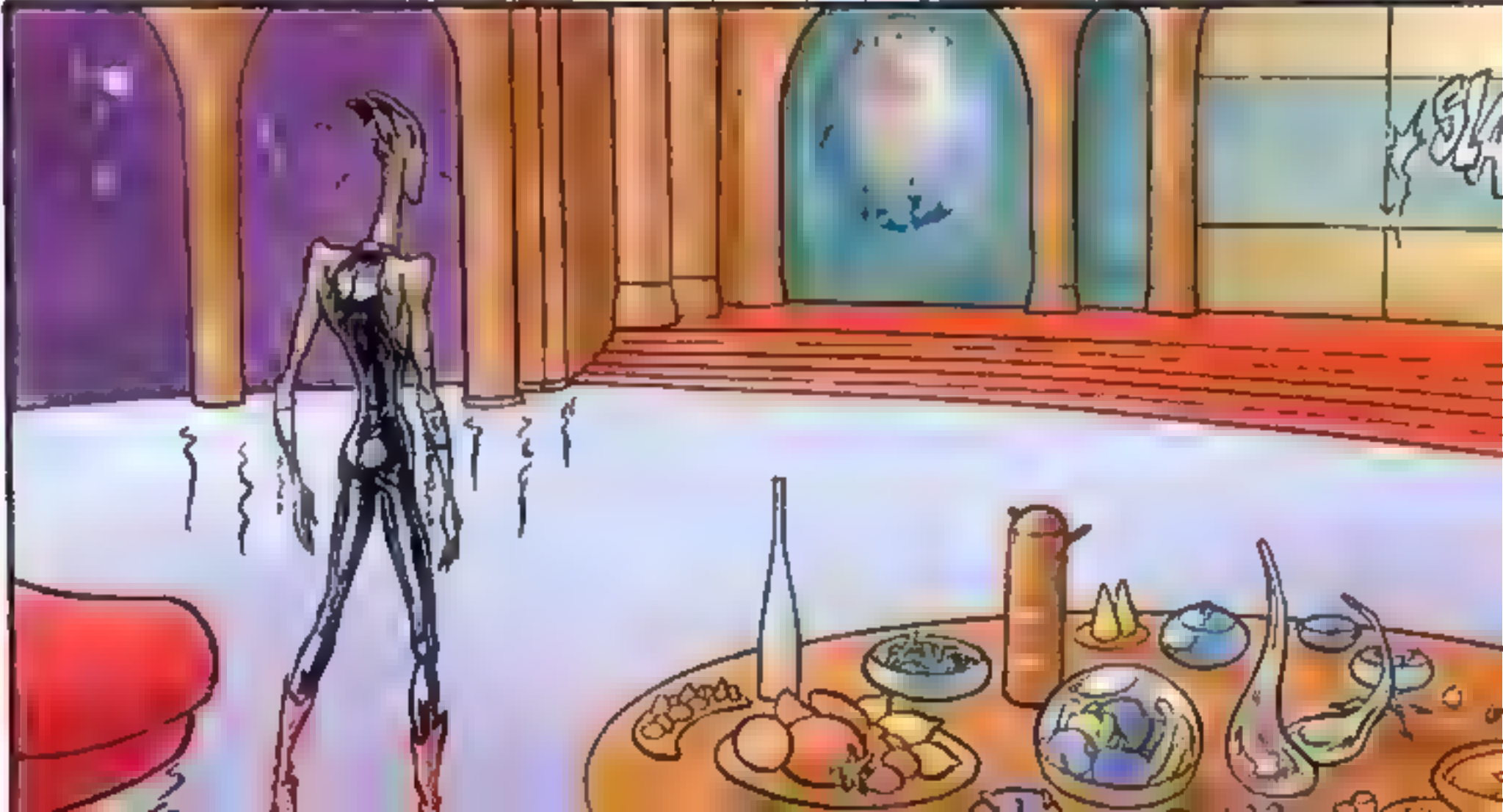


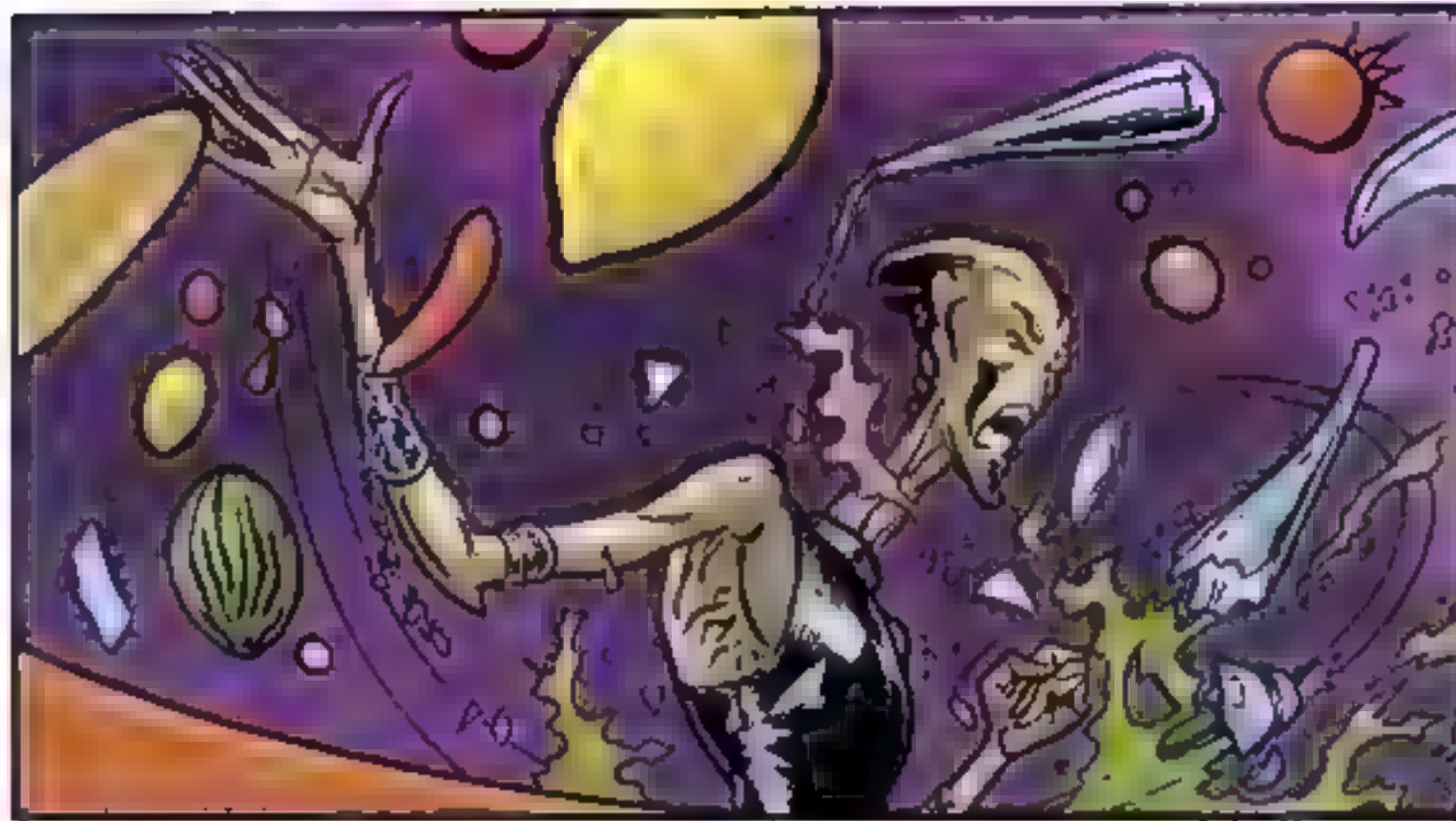
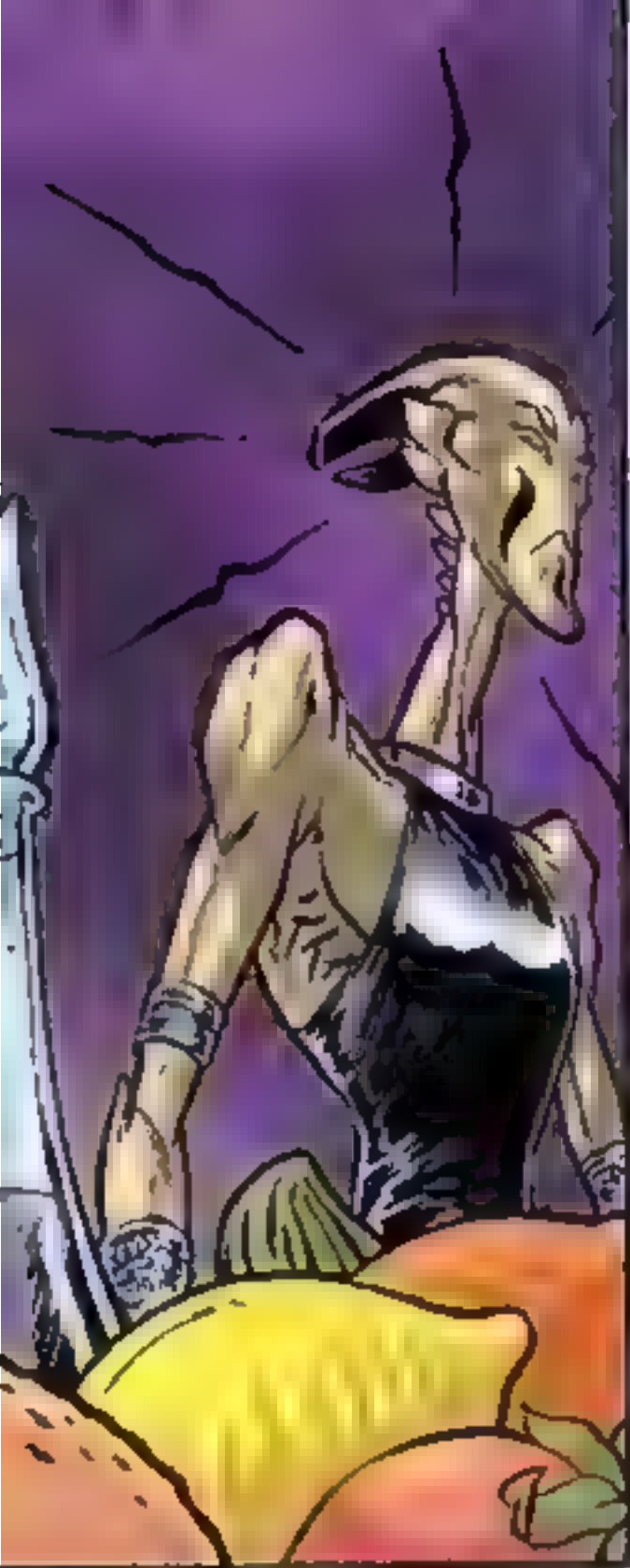
YOU HAVE TO. IF I WAS TOO FORWARD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME. BUT, STAY WITH ME, PLEASE!



NAVIS, PLEASE.

NO, NO. THIS IS BETTER FOR BOTH OF US!

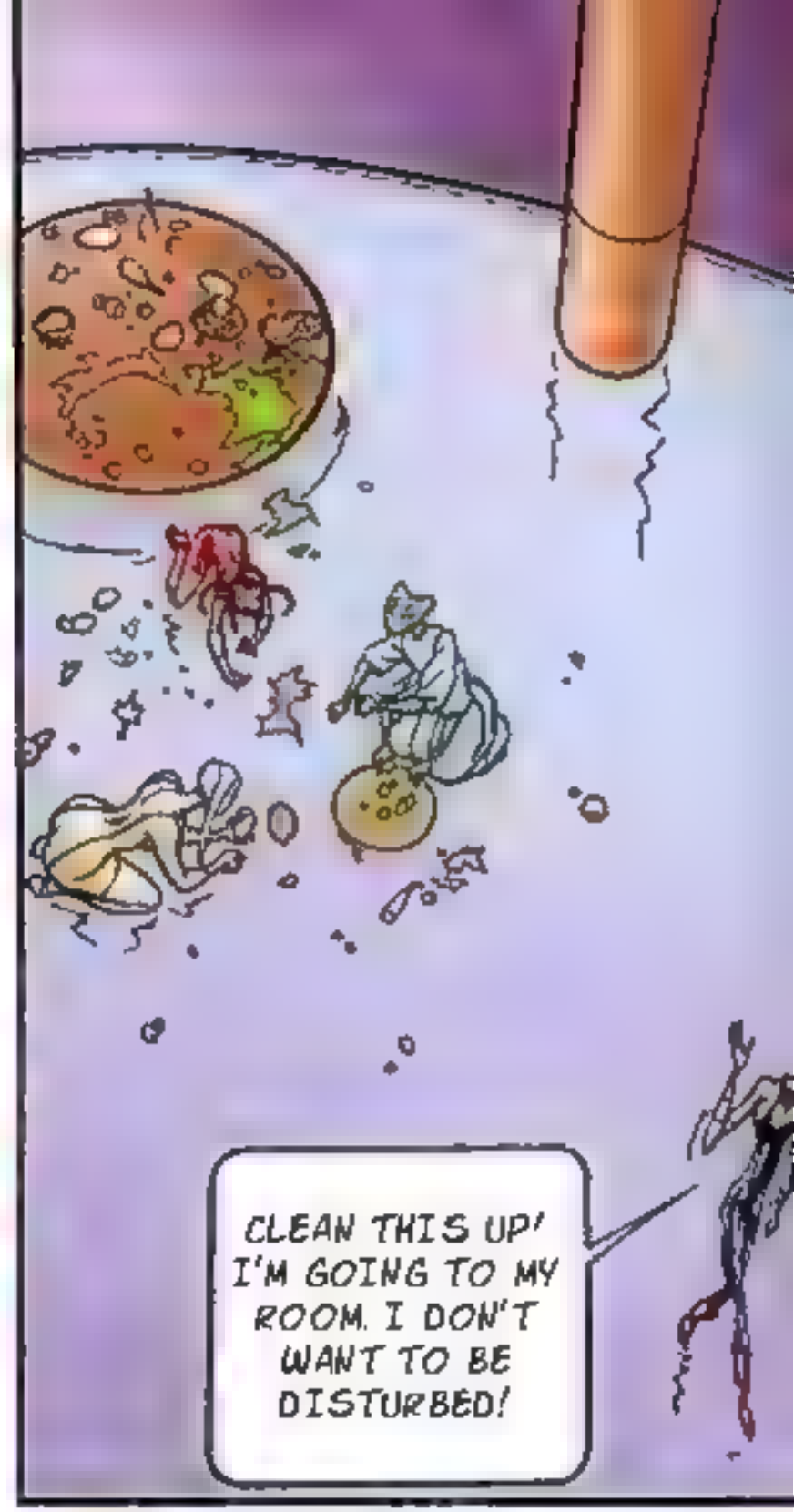




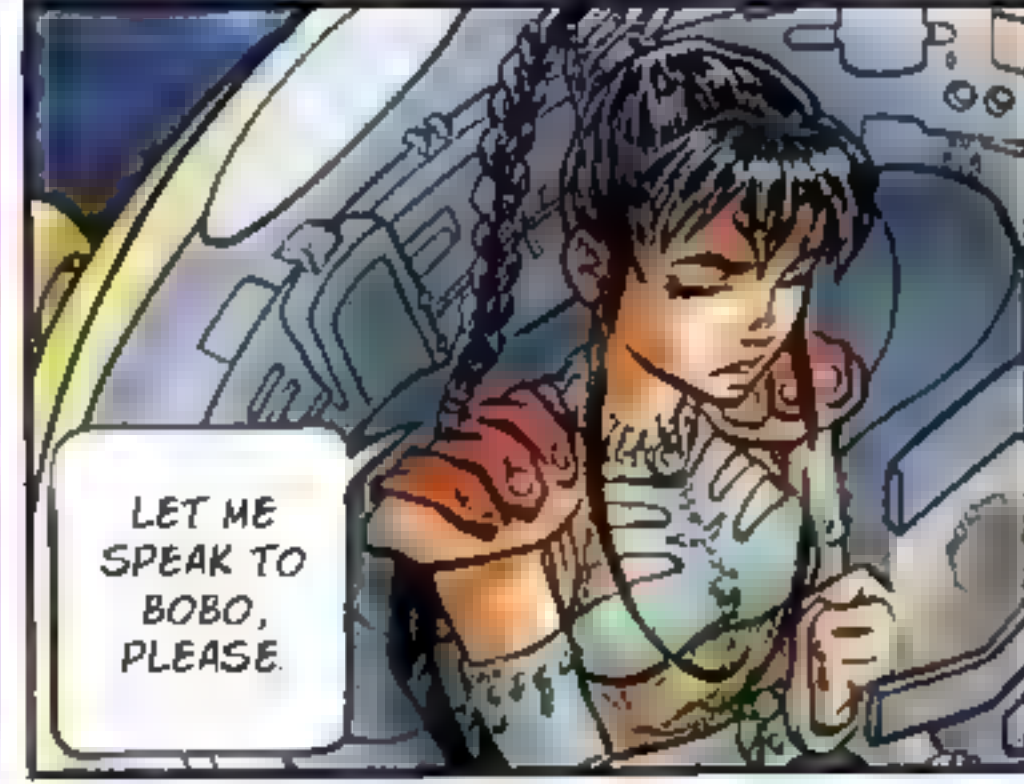
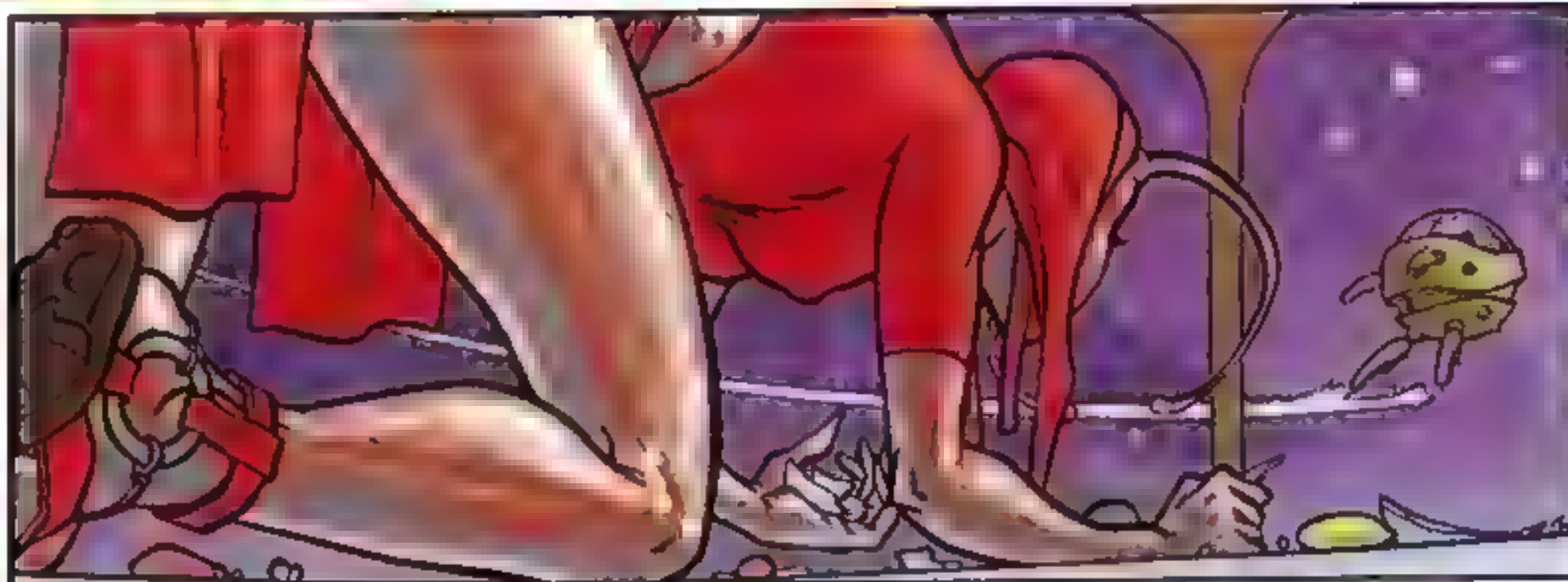
CONSUL?

WHAT DO YOU DESIRE?

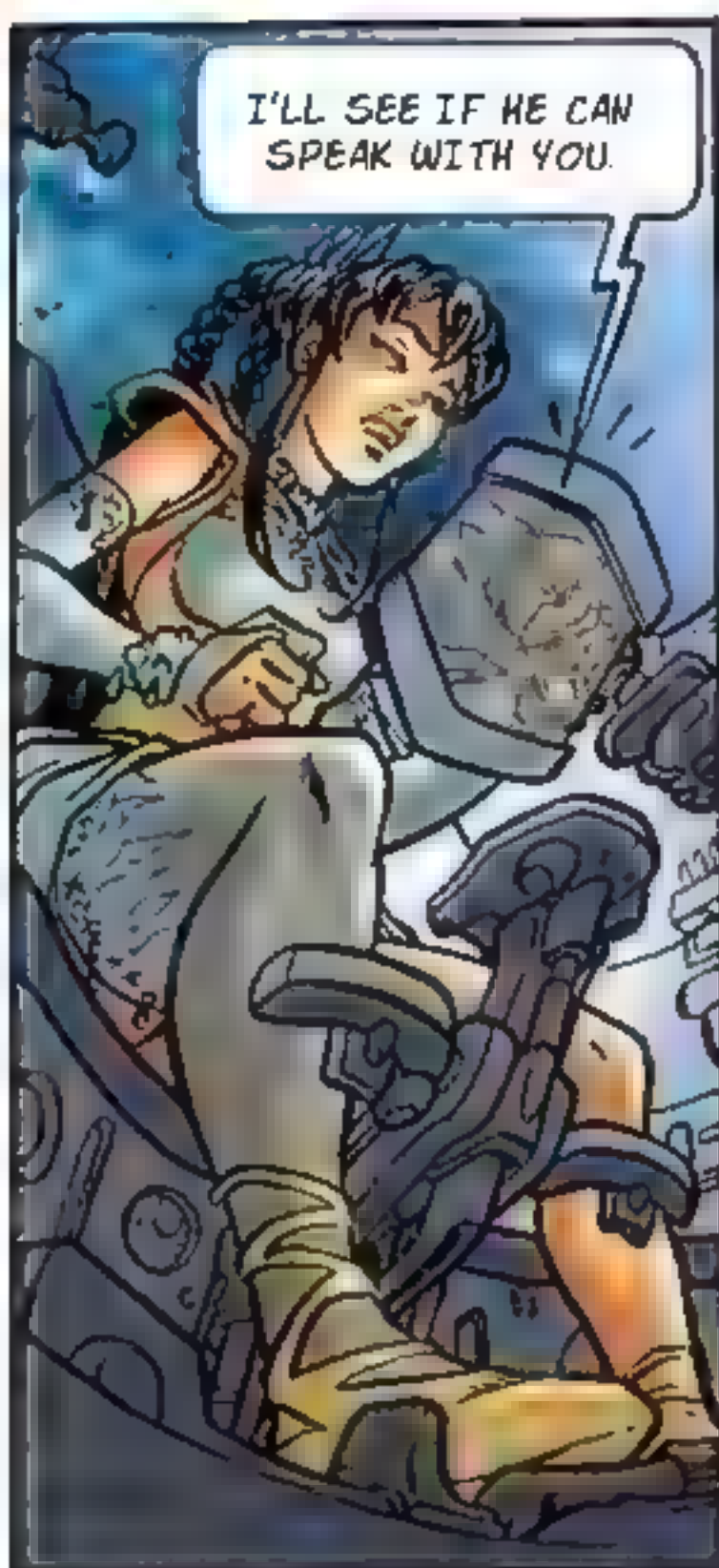
KKY!



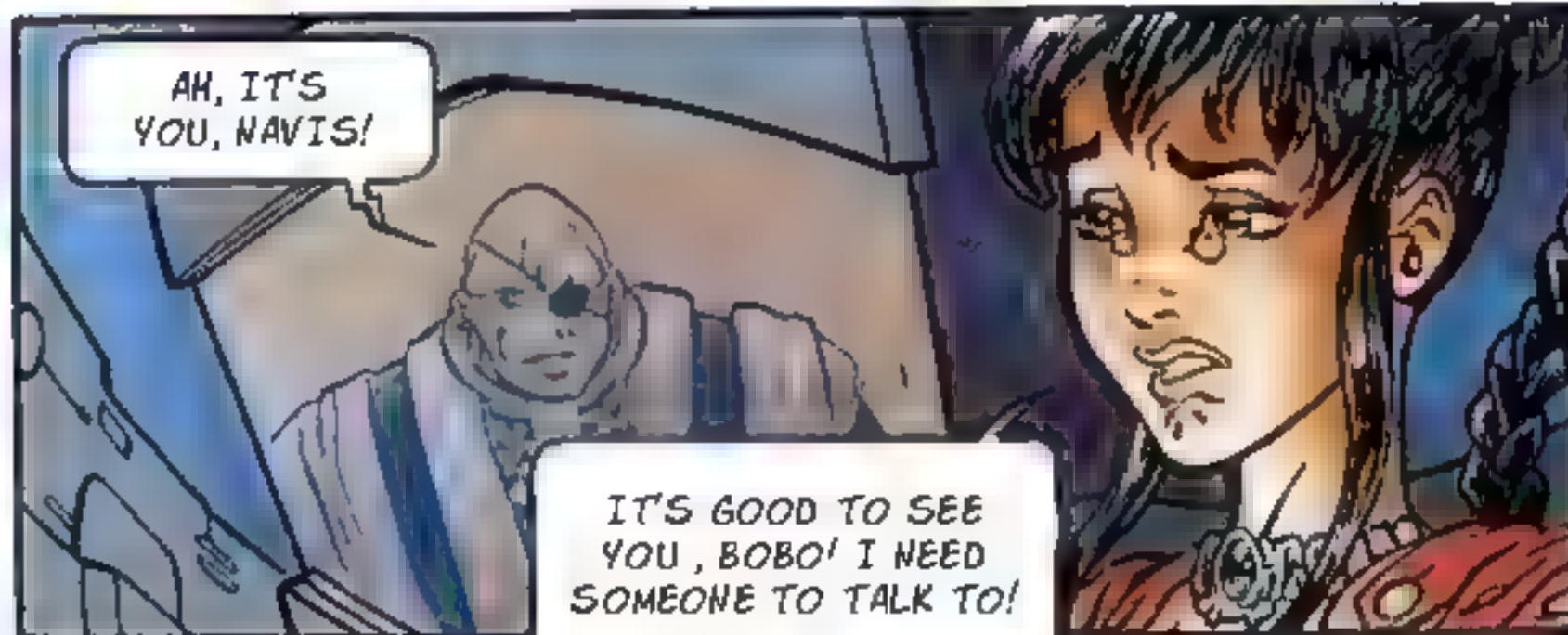
CLEAN THIS UP!
I'M GOING TO MY
ROOM. I DON'T
WANT TO BE
DISTURBED!



LET ME
SPEAK TO
BOBO,
PLEASE

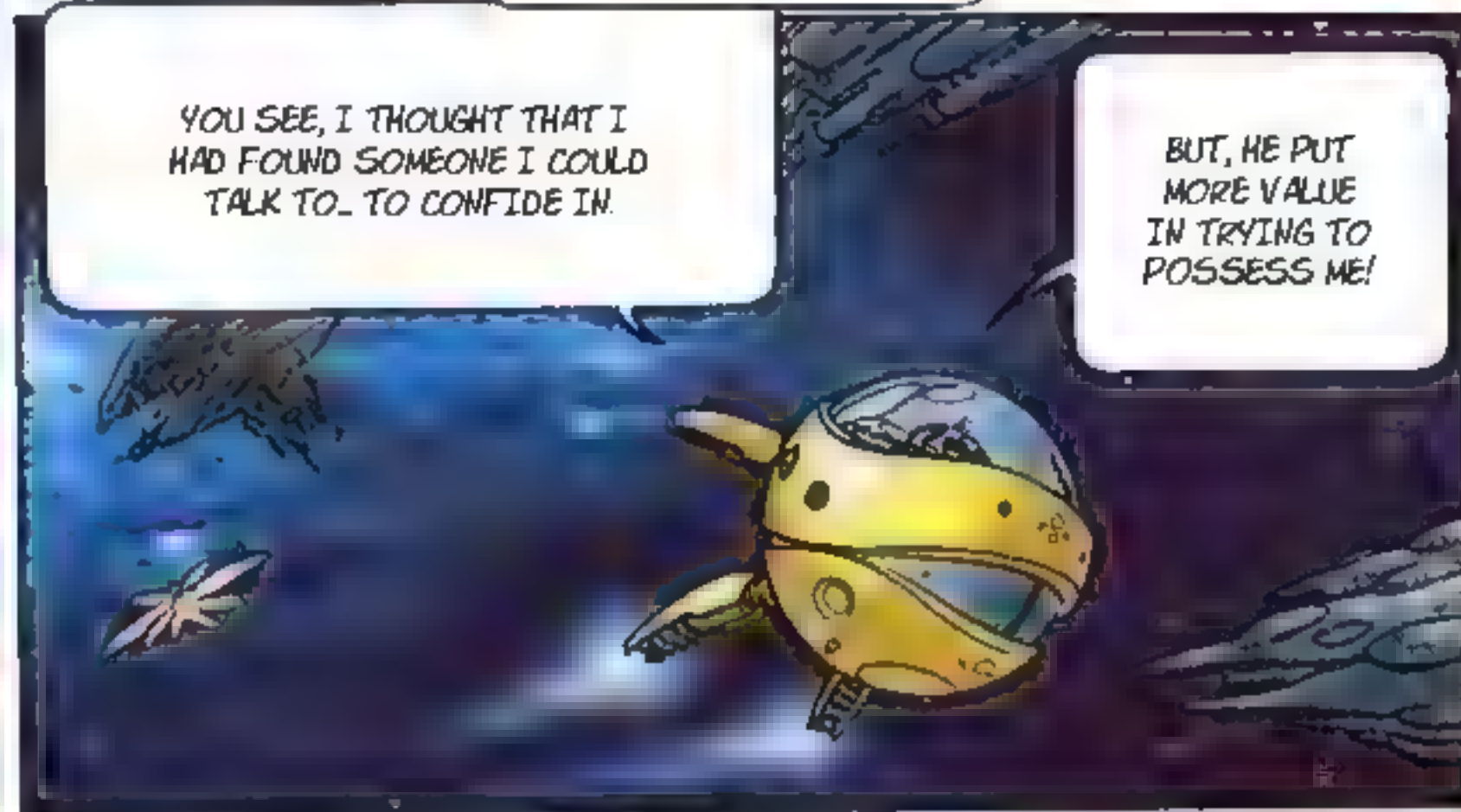


I'LL SEE IF HE CAN
SPEAK WITH YOU.



AH, IT'S
YOU, NAVIS!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE
YOU, BOBO! I NEED
SOMEONE TO TALK TO!



YOU SEE, I THOUGHT THAT I
HAD FOUND SOMEONE I COULD
TALK TO... TO CONFIDE IN.

BUT, HE PUT
MORE VALUE
IN TRYING TO
POSSESS ME!



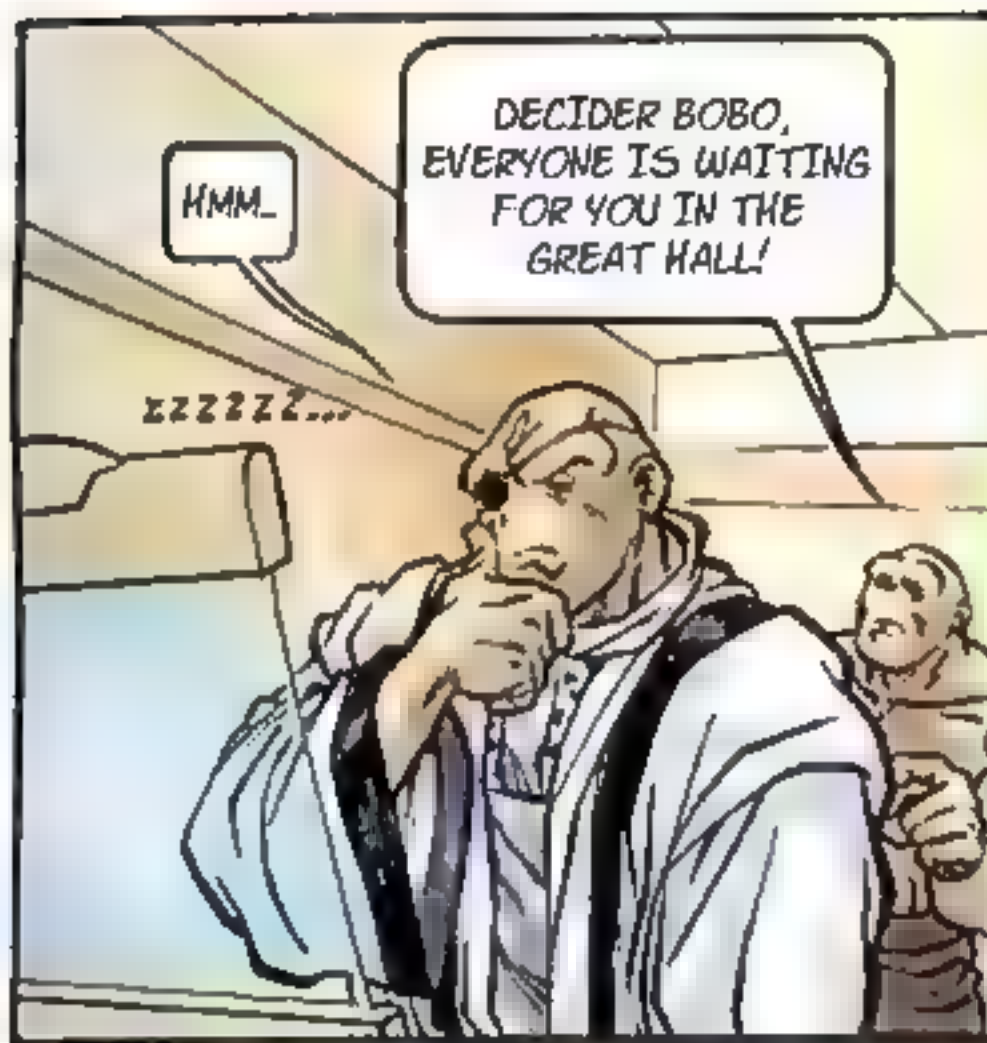
LISTEN NAVIS, I'M
INTERESTED IN
YOUR ROMANTIC
PROBLEMS, BUT
NOW IS NOT A
GOOD TIME...



WE ARE IN THE
MIDDLE OF OUR
ELECTIONS, AND...

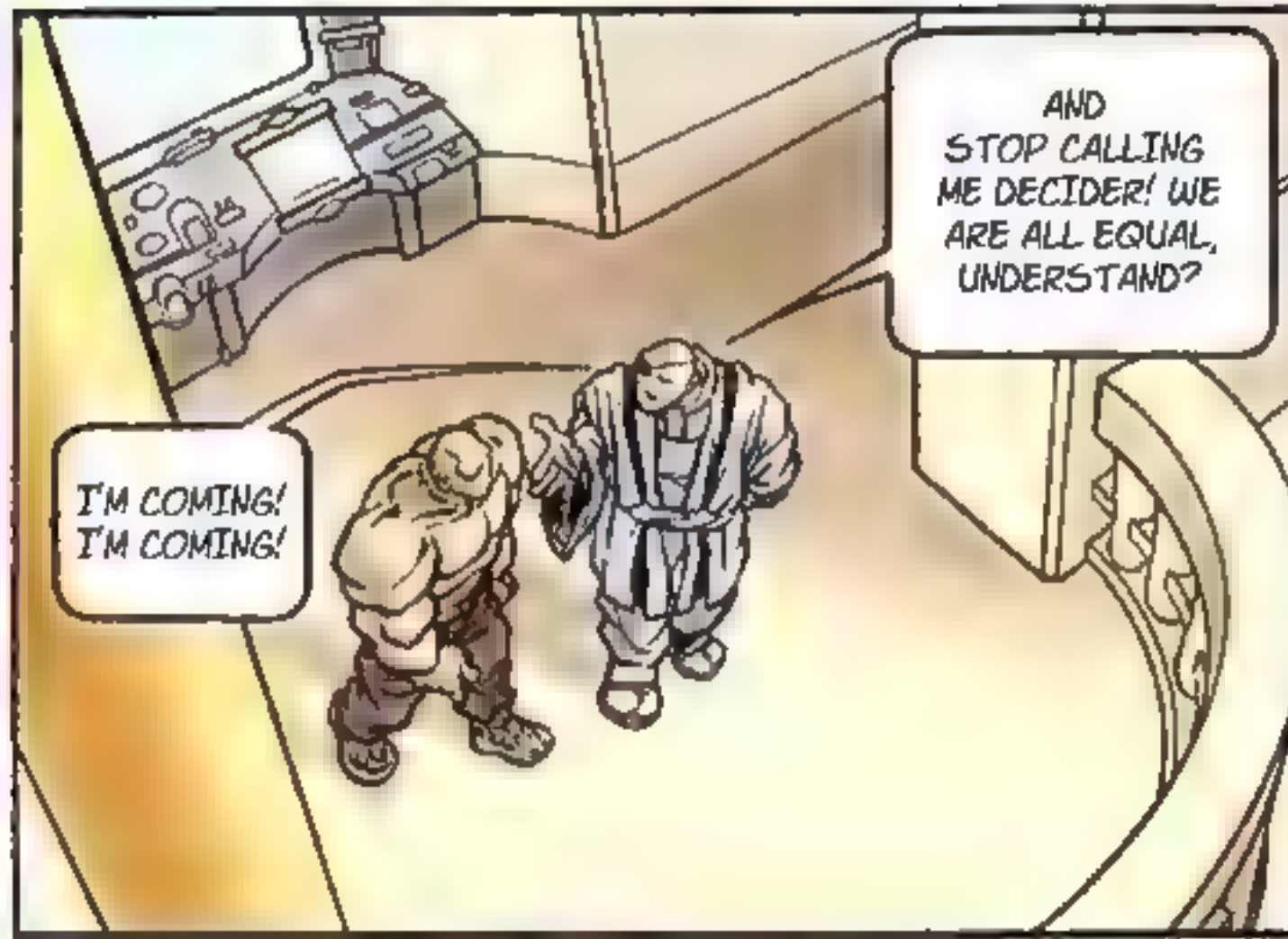
KRZZZT!

GLAK!



HMM...

DECIDER BOBO, EVERYONE IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE GREAT HALL!

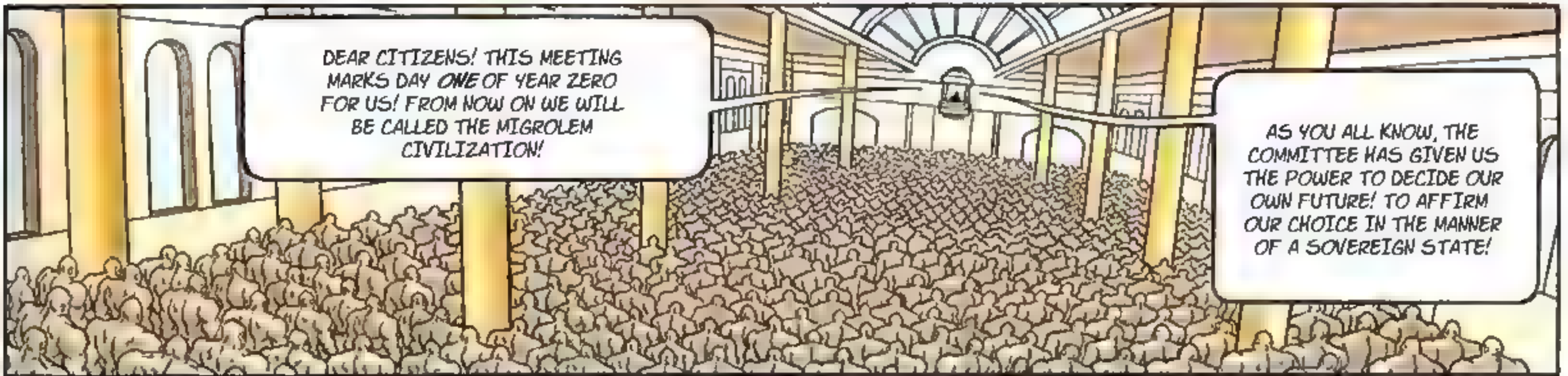


I'M COMING!
I'M COMING!

AND STOP CALLING ME DECIDER! WE ARE ALL EQUAL, UNDERSTAND?

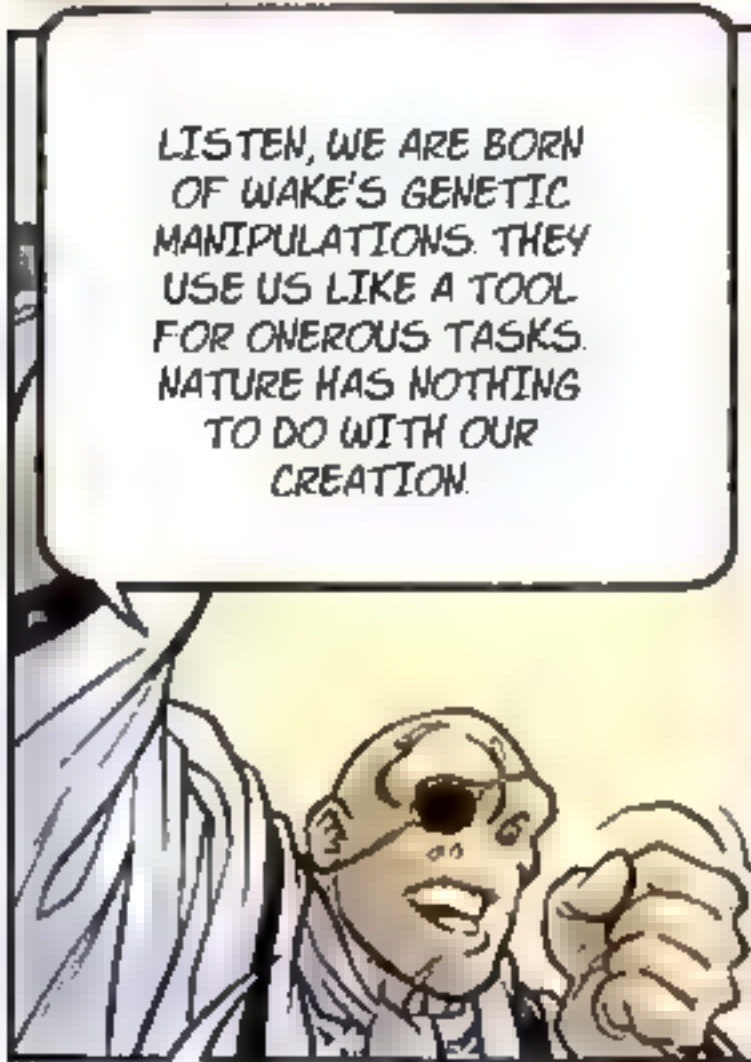


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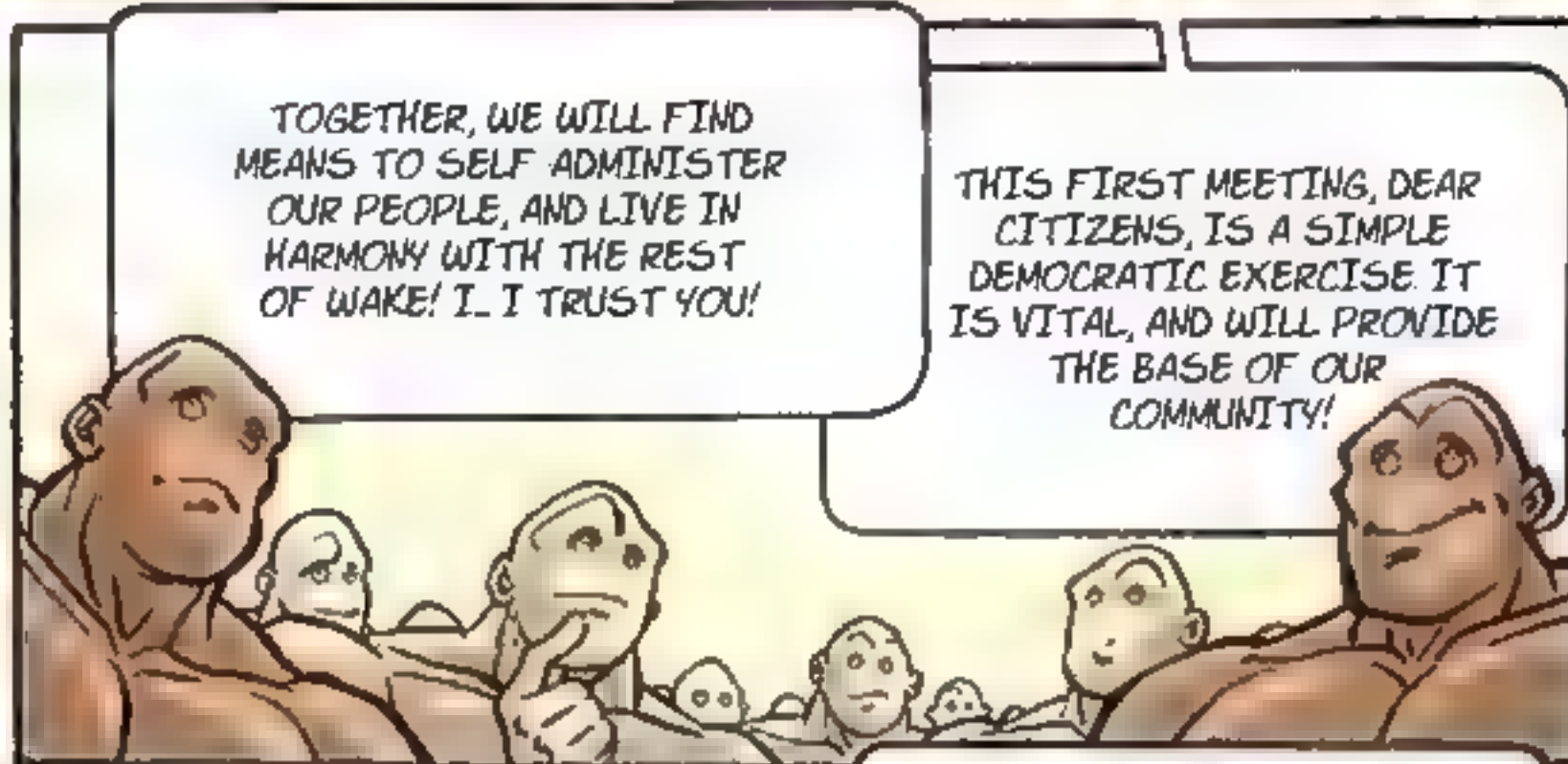


DEAR CITIZENS! THIS MEETING MARKS DAY ONE OF YEAR ZERO FOR US! FROM NOW ON WE WILL BE CALLED THE MIGROLEM CIVILIZATION!

AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN US THE POWER TO DECIDE OUR OWN FUTURE! TO AFFIRM OUR CHOICE IN THE MANNER OF A SOVEREIGN STATE!

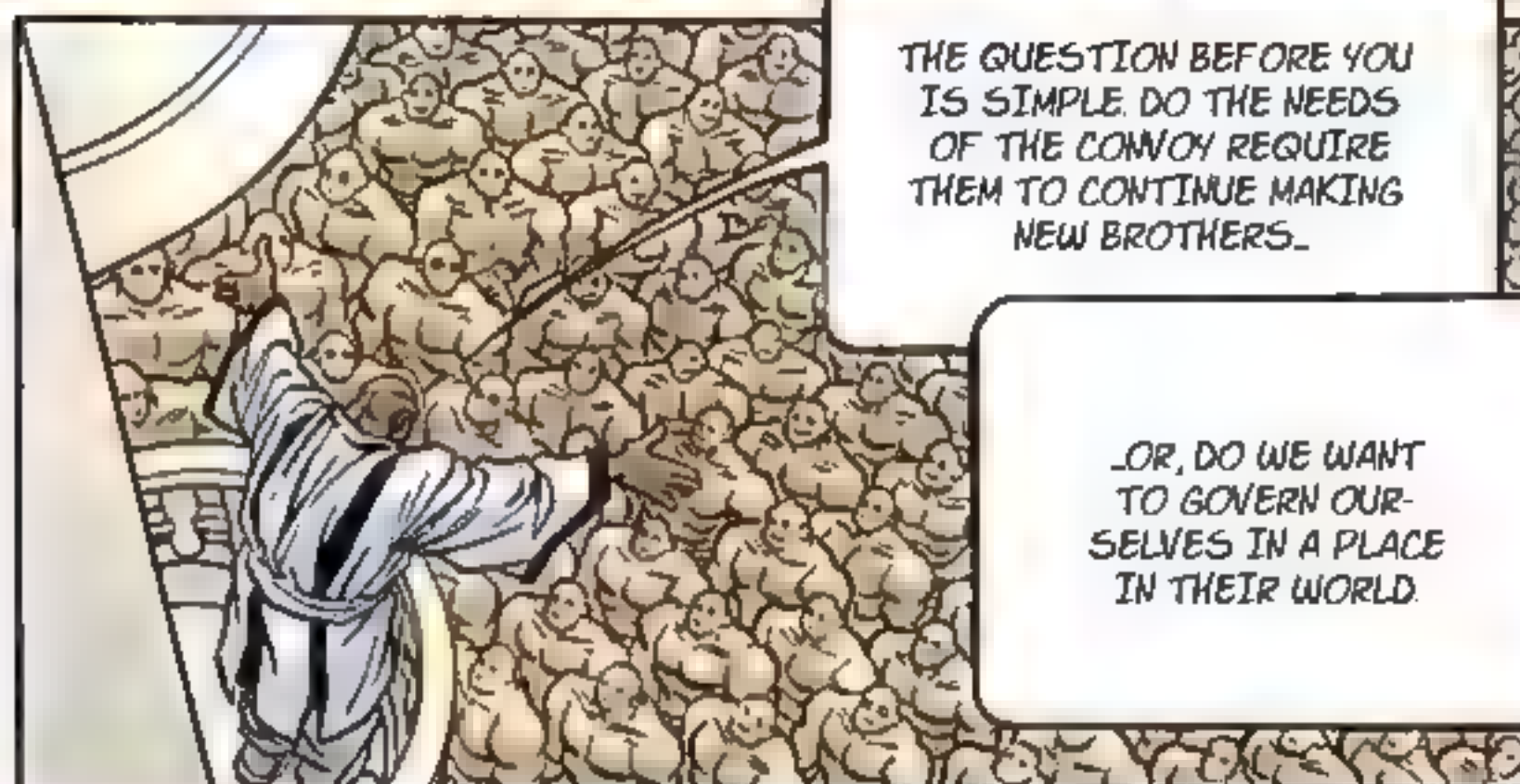


LISTEN, WE ARE BORN OF WAKE'S GENETIC MANIPULATIONS. THEY USE US LIKE A TOOL FOR ONEROUS TASKS. NATURE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR CREATION.



TOGETHER, WE WILL FIND MEANS TO SELF ADMINISTER OUR PEOPLE, AND LIVE IN HARMONY WITH THE REST OF WAKE! I... I TRUST YOU!

THIS FIRST MEETING, DEAR CITIZENS, IS A SIMPLE DEMOCRATIC EXERCISE. IT IS VITAL, AND WILL PROVIDE THE BASE OF OUR COMMUNITY!



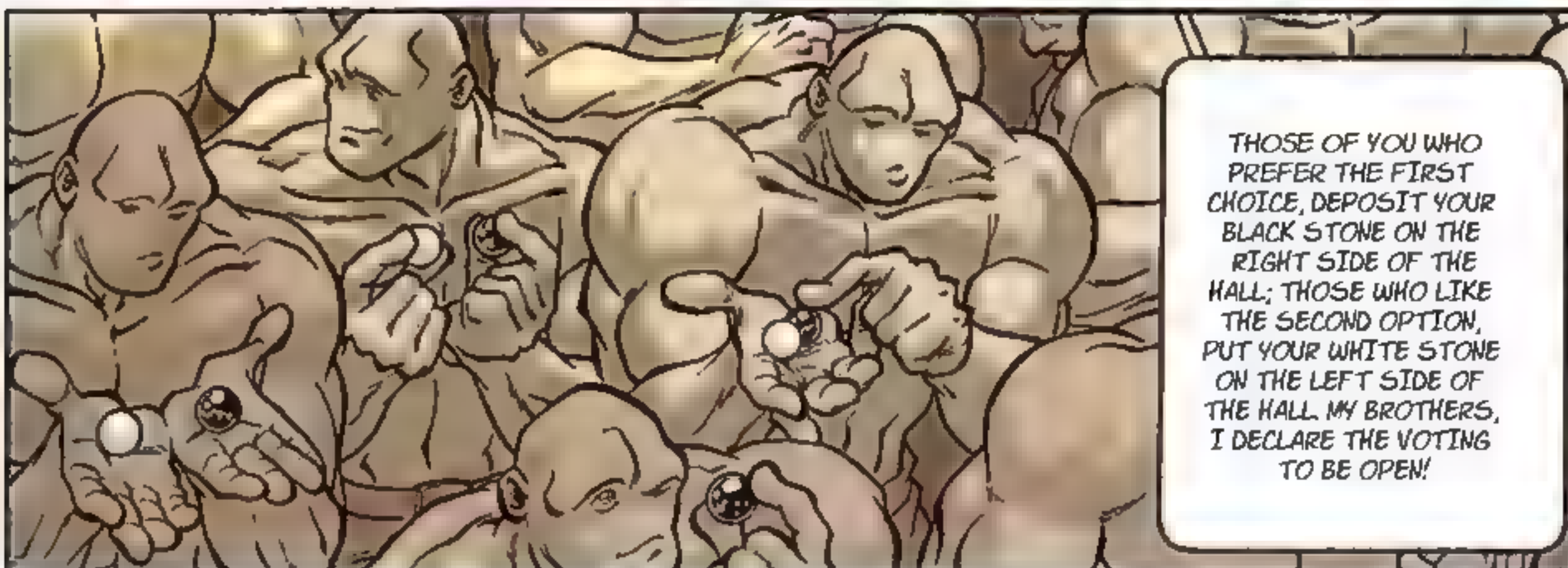
THE QUESTION BEFORE YOU IS SIMPLE. DO THE NEEDS OF THE CONVOY REQUIRE THEM TO CONTINUE MAKING NEW BROTHERS...

...OR, DO WE WANT TO GOVERN OURSELVES IN A PLACE IN THEIR WORLD.



YOU ALL KNOW THAT I PREFER THE SECOND OPTION.

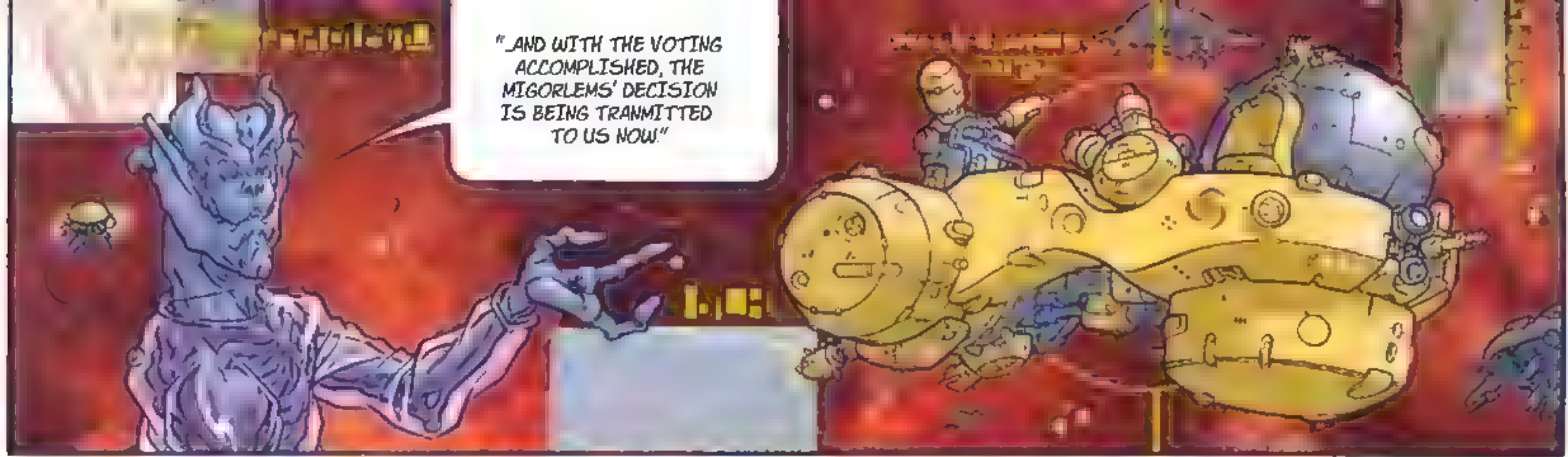
BUT, THAT IS NOT MY ADVICE! IT IS THE MAJORITY WHICH WILL MAKE THE DECISION!



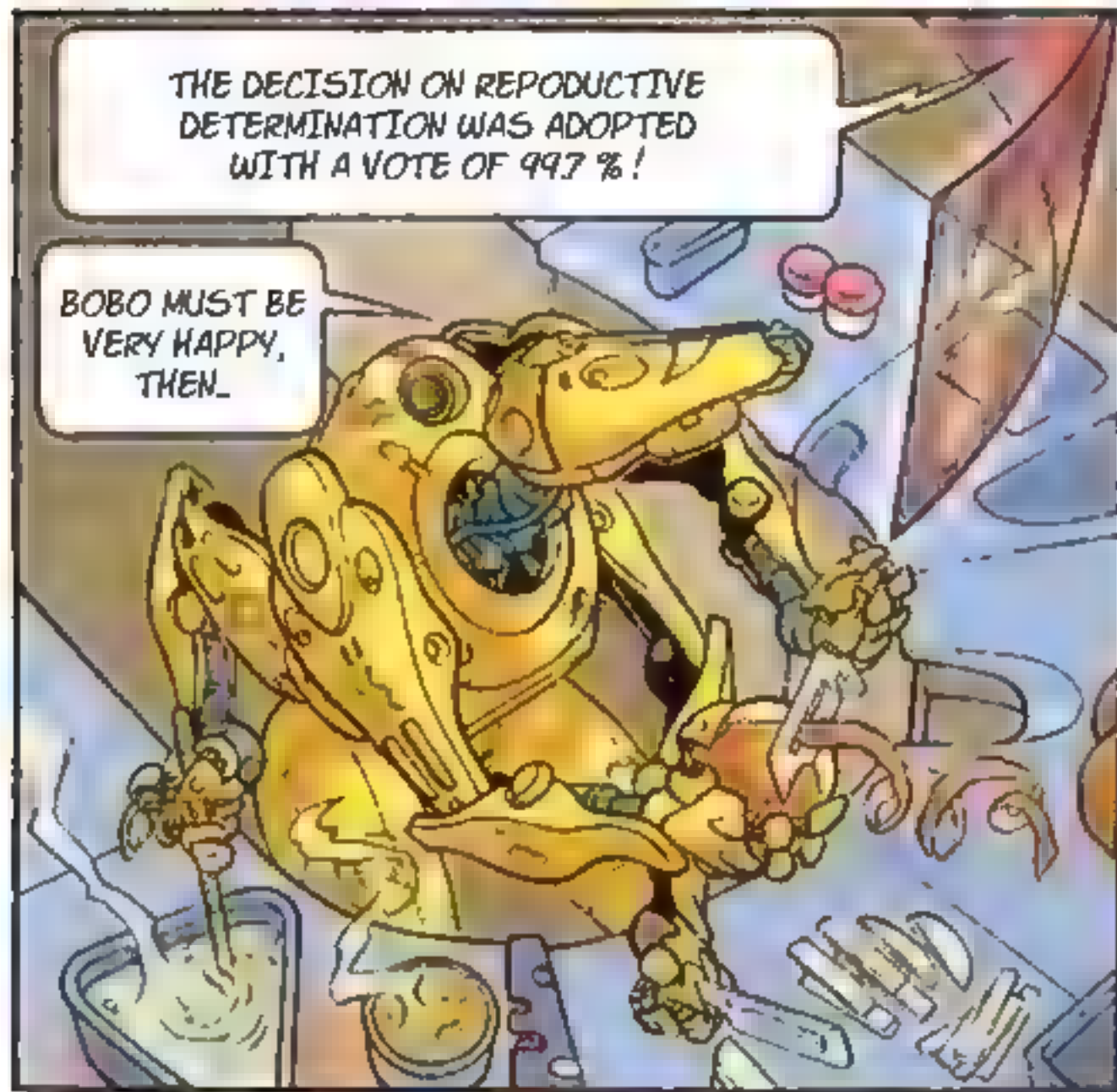
THOSE OF YOU WHO PREFER THE FIRST CHOICE, DEPOSIT YOUR BLACK STONE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HALL; THOSE WHO LIKE THE SECOND OPTION, PUT YOUR WHITE STONE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE HALL. MY BROTHERS, I DECLARE THE VOTING TO BE OPEN!



TOMORROW IS IN YOUR HANDS!



"AND WITH THE VOTING ACCOMPLISHED, THE MIGORLEMS' DECISION IS BEING TRANSMITTED TO US NOW."

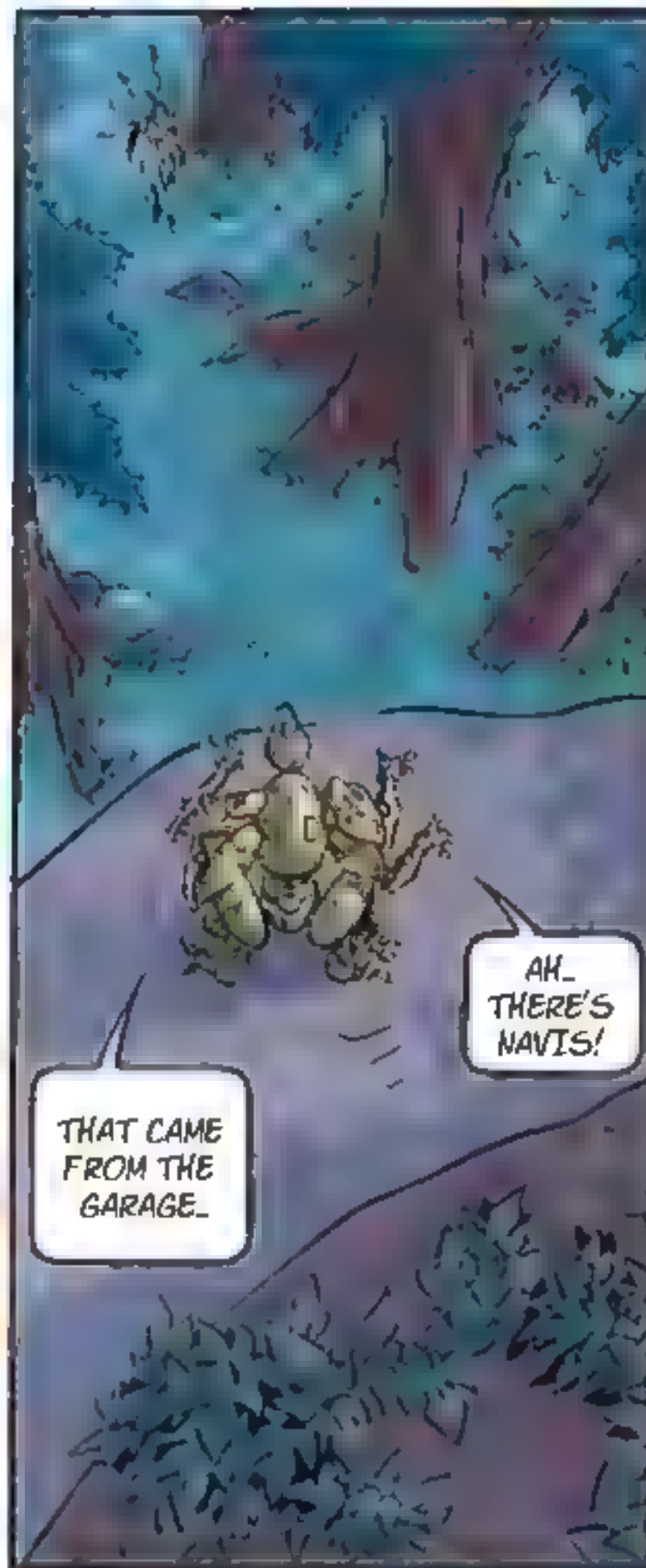


THE DECISION ON REPRODUCTIVE DETERMINATION WAS ADOPTED WITH A VOTE OF 99.7 %!

BOBO MUST BE VERY HAPPY, THEN.

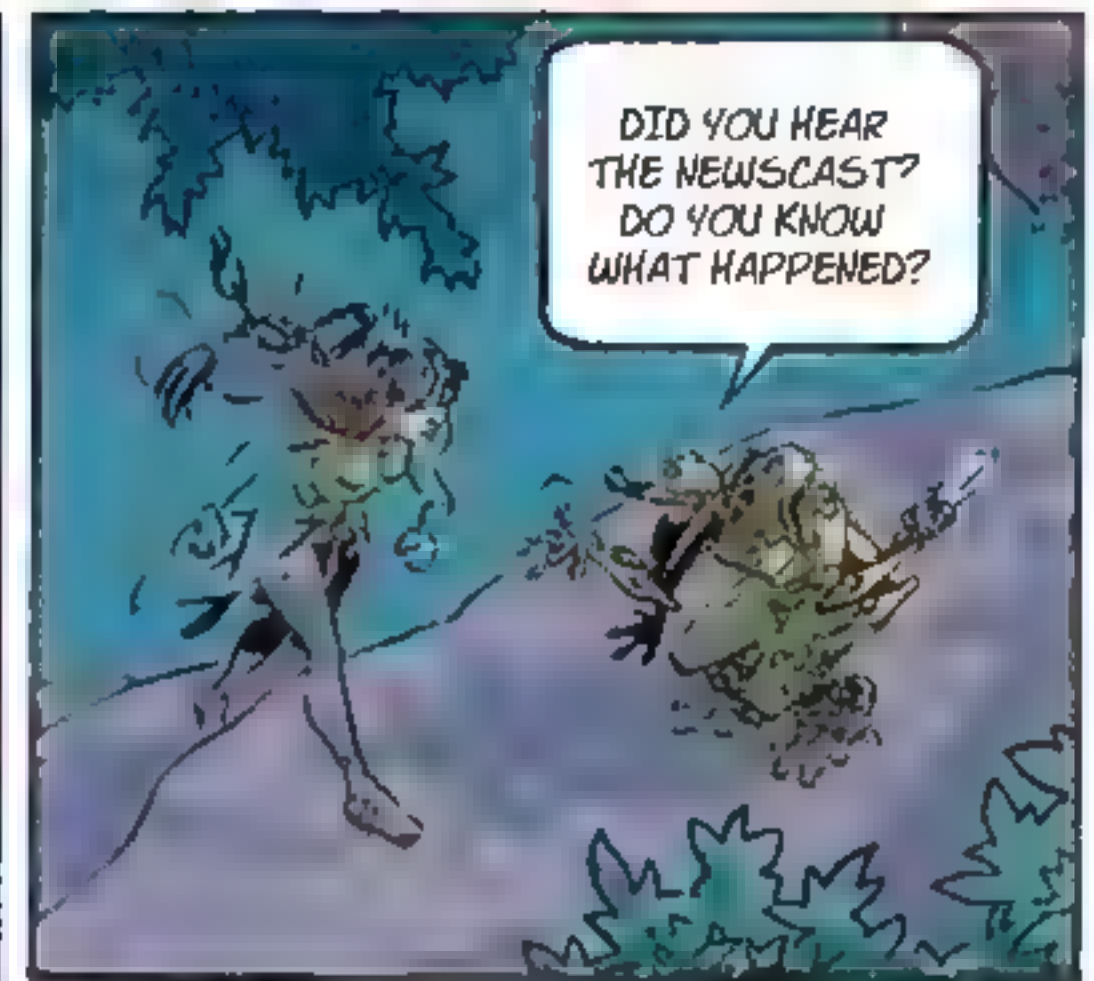


THIS DECISION WILL HAVE IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES FOR WAKE, WON'T IT, GOKI YIOKG?

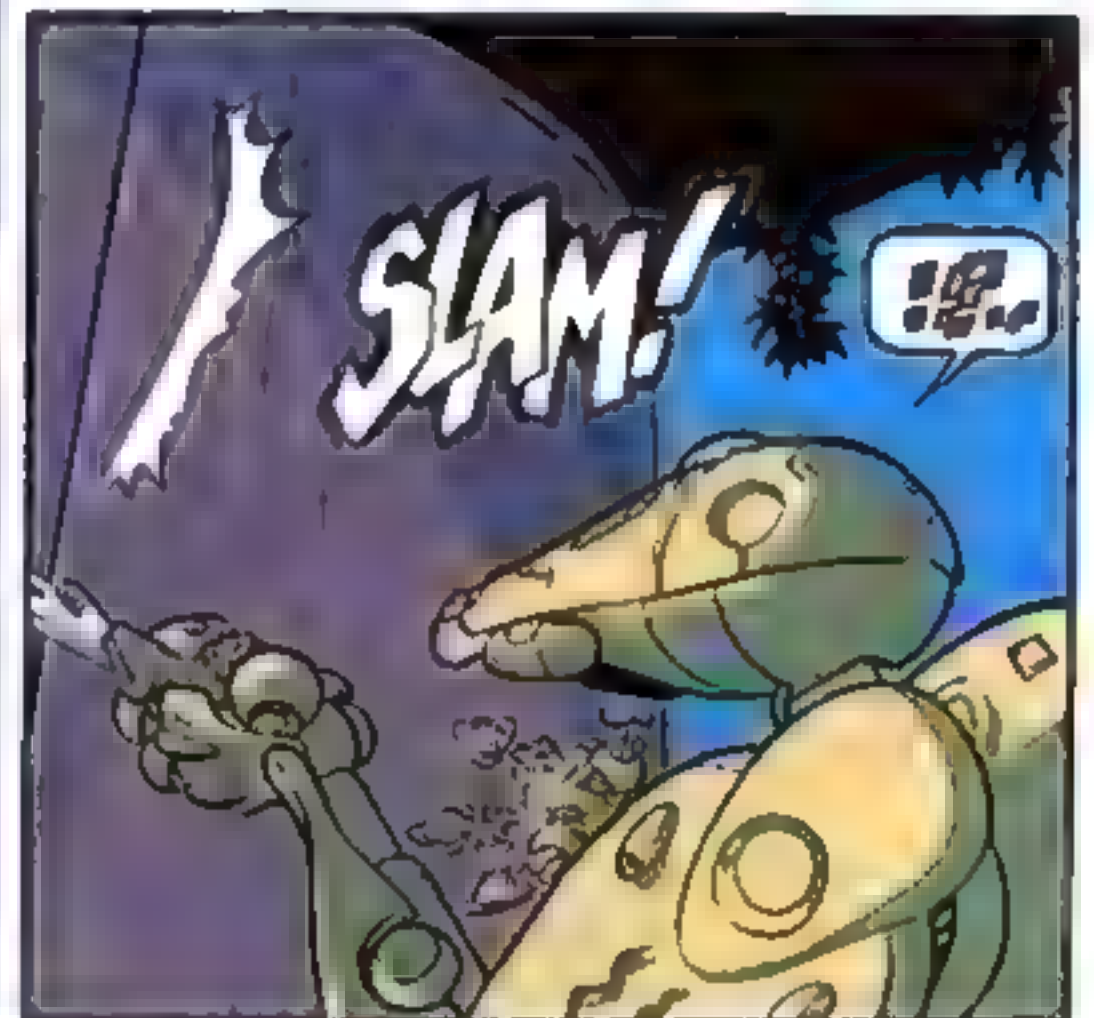


AH, THERE'S NAVIS!

THAT CAME FROM THE GARAGE.

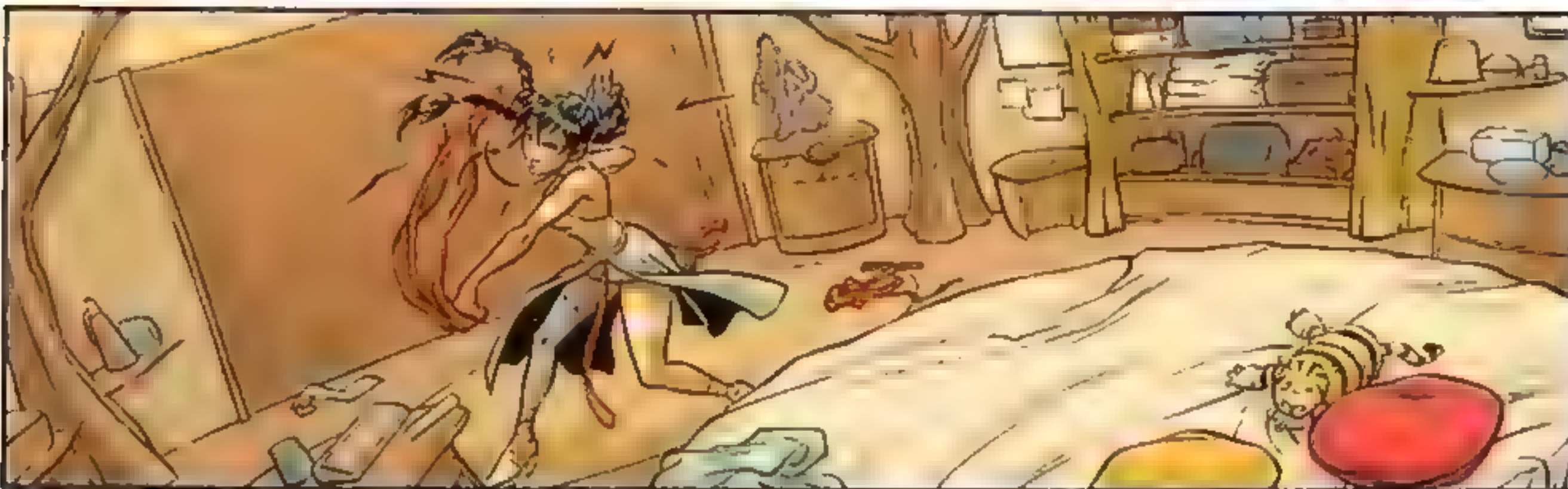


DID YOU HEAR THE NEWSCAST? DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?



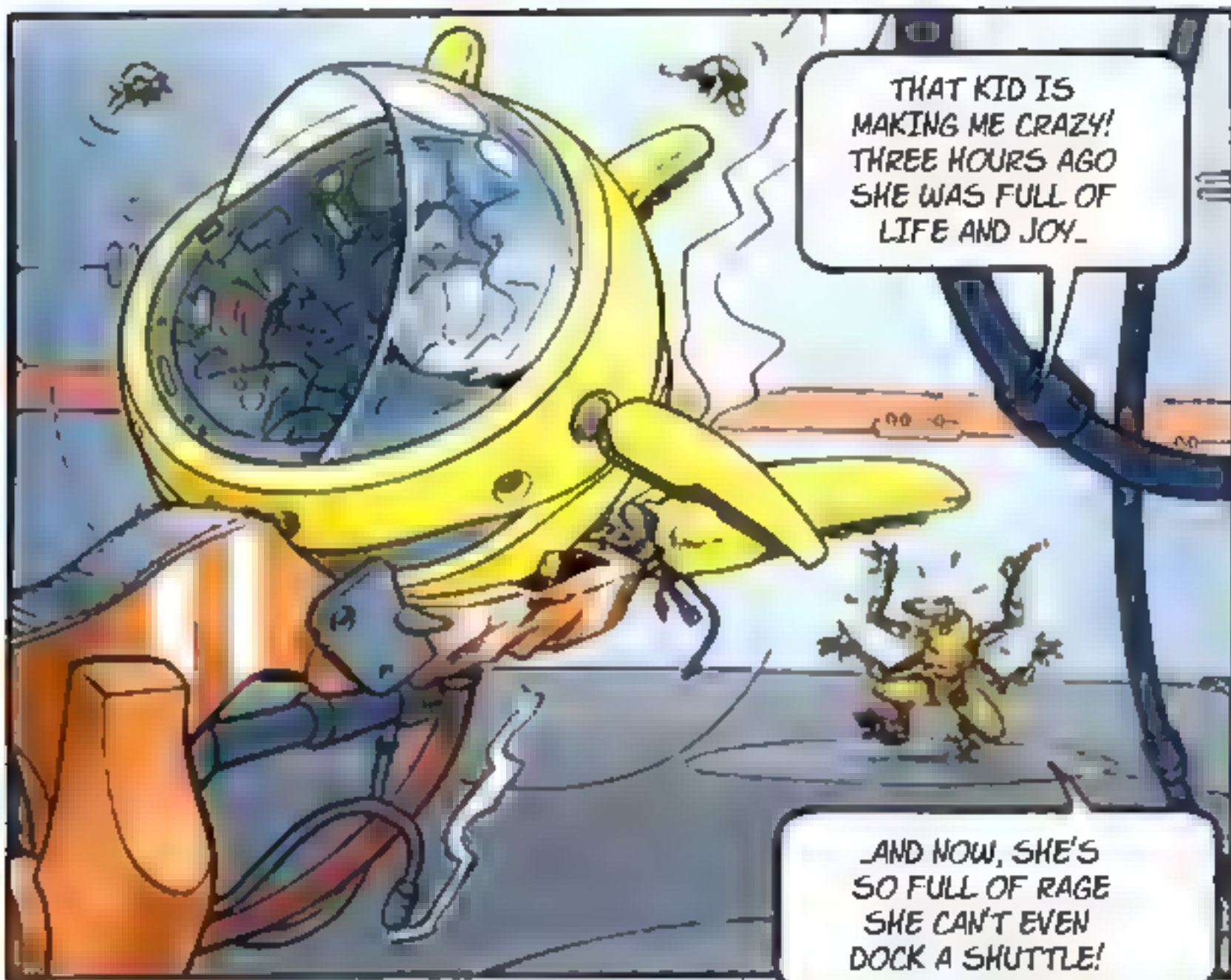
SLAM!

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BOOHOO... SNUFF.





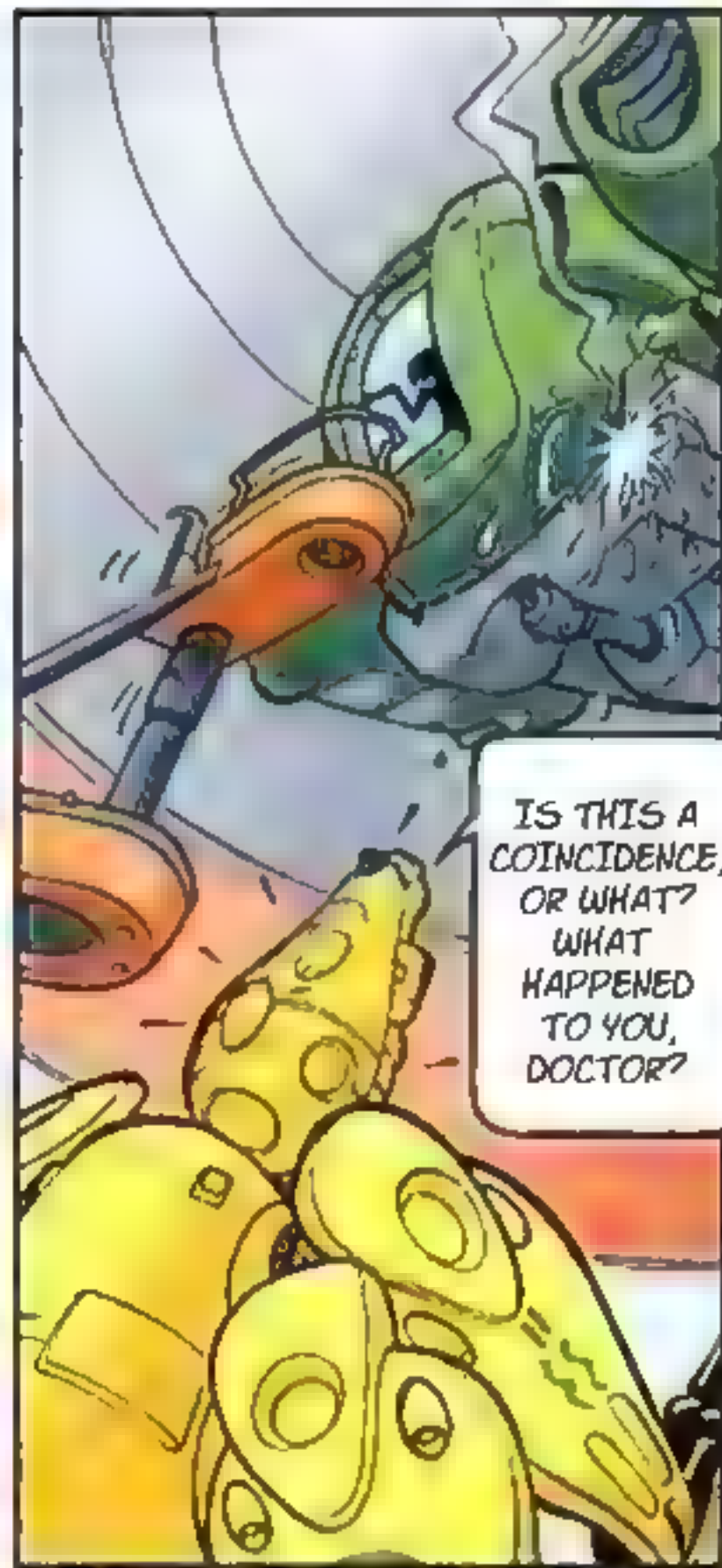
THAT KID IS
MAKING ME CRAZY!
THREE HOURS AGO
SHE WAS FULL OF
LIFE AND JOY.

AND NOW, SHE'S
SO FULL OF RAGE
SHE CAN'T EVEN
DOCK A SHUTTLE!

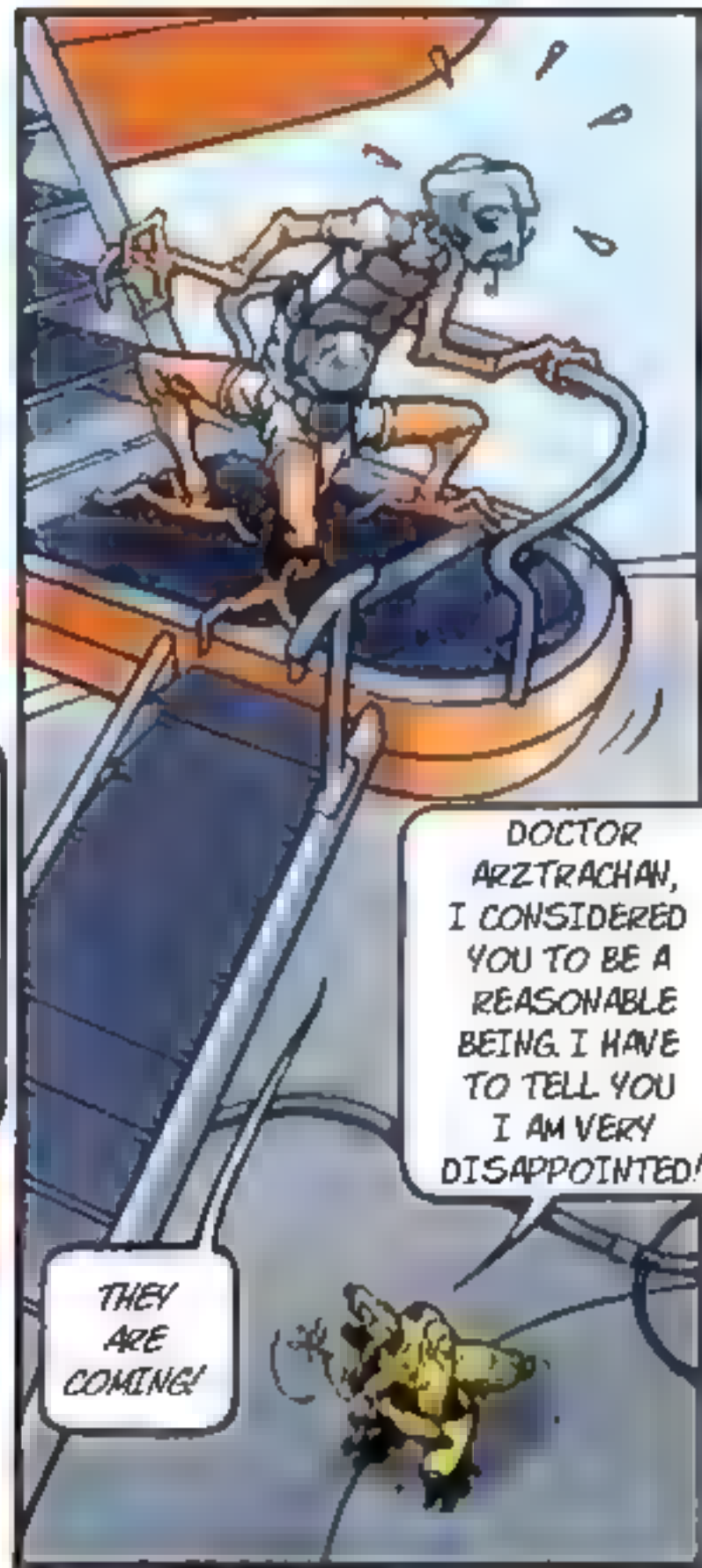


AND GUESS WHO HAS
TO MAKE THE REPAIRS.

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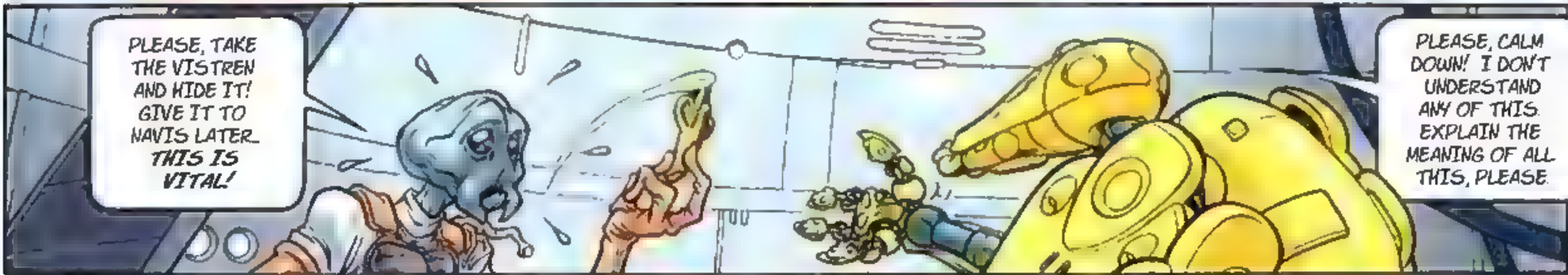


IS THIS A
COINCIDENCE,
OR WHAT?
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO YOU,
DOCTOR?



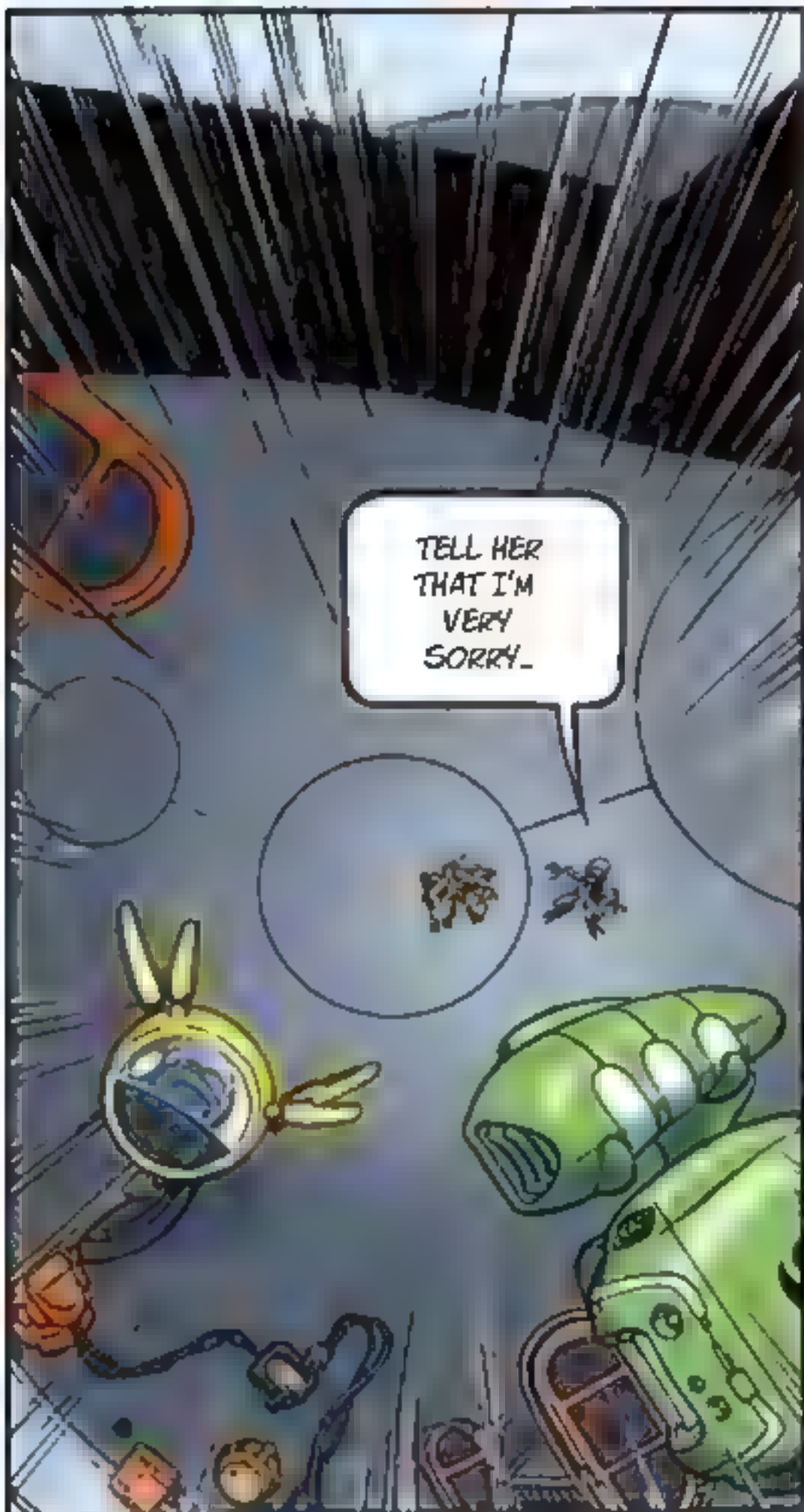
DOCTOR
ARZTRACHAN,
I CONSIDERED
YOU TO BE A
REASONABLE
BEING. I HAVE
TO TELL YOU
I AM VERY
DISAPPOINTED!

THEY
ARE
COMING!

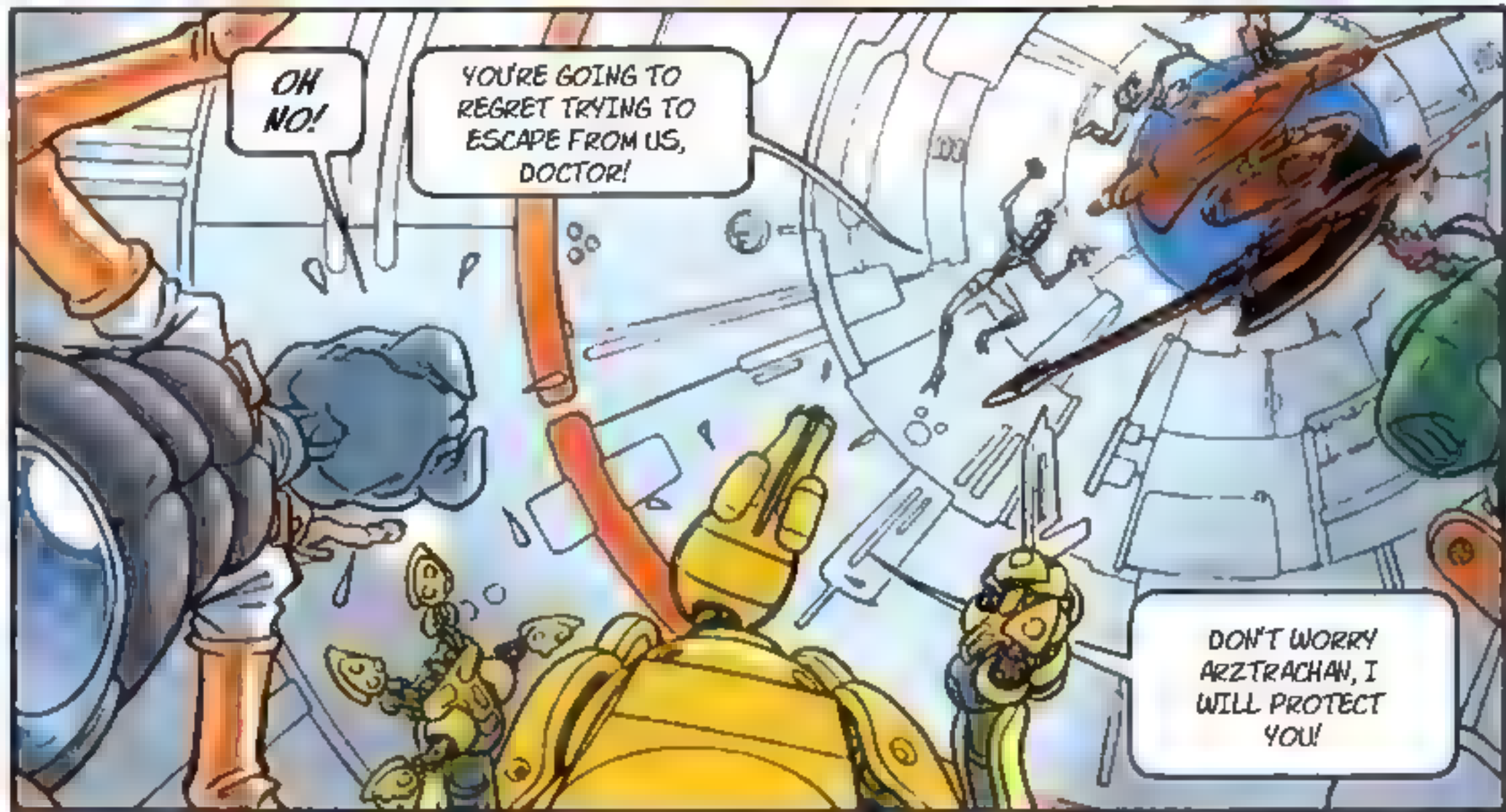


PLEASE, TAKE
THE VISTREN
AND HIDE IT!
GIVE IT TO
NAVIS LATER.
**THIS IS
VITAL!**

PLEASE, CALM
DOWN! I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
ANY OF THIS.
EXPLAIN THE
MEANING OF ALL
THIS, PLEASE.



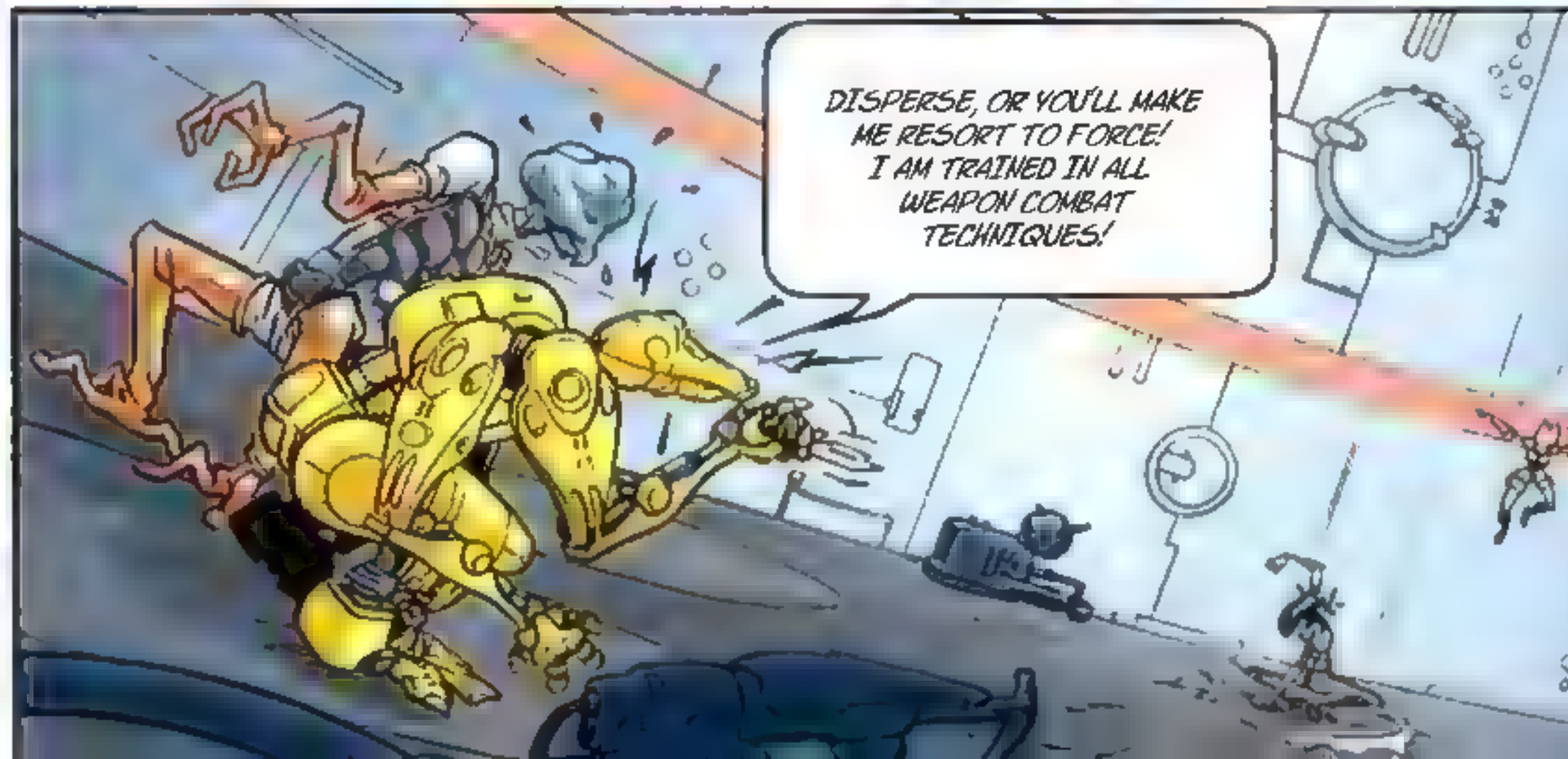
TELL HER
THAT I'M
VERY
SORRY..



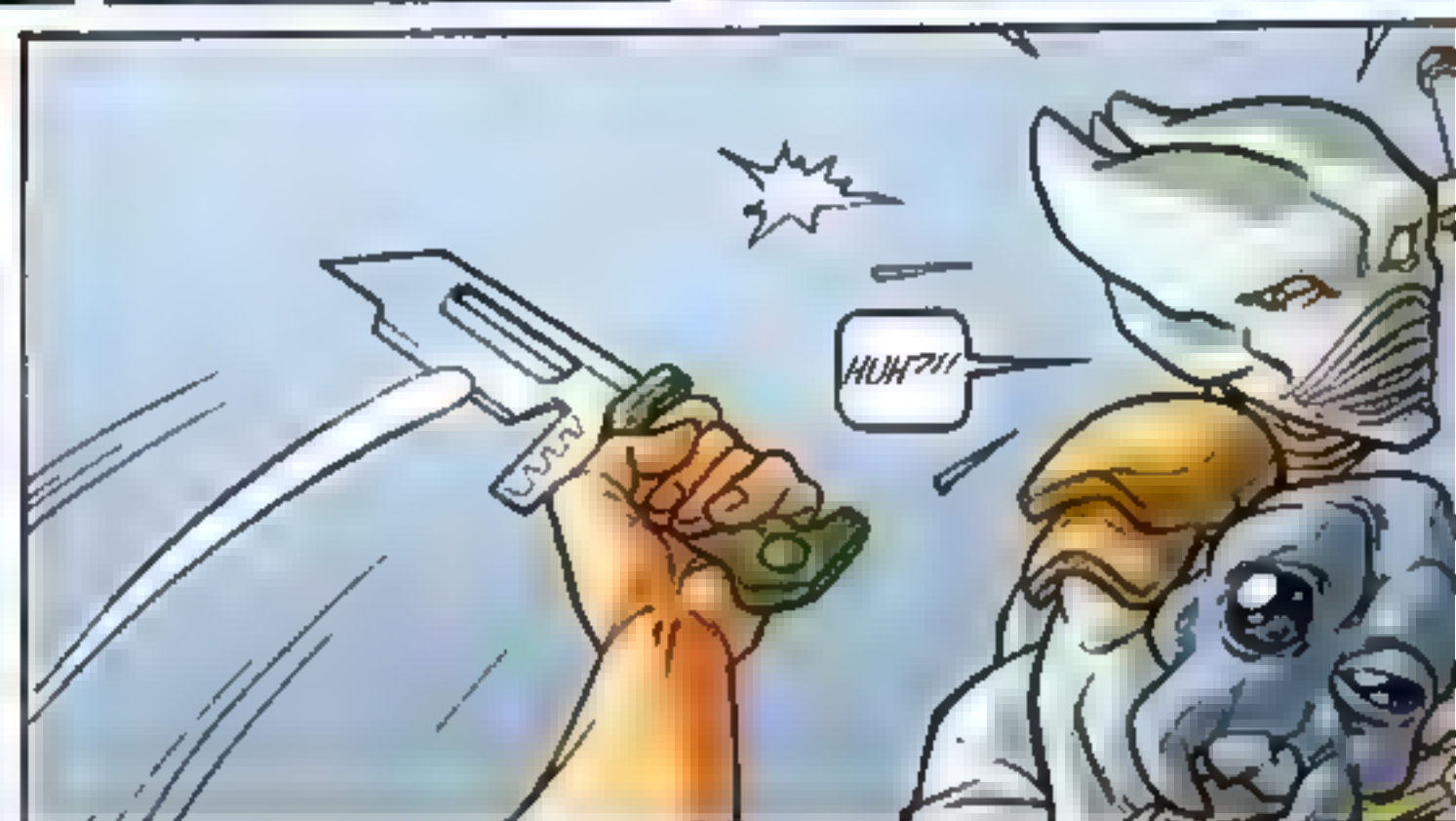
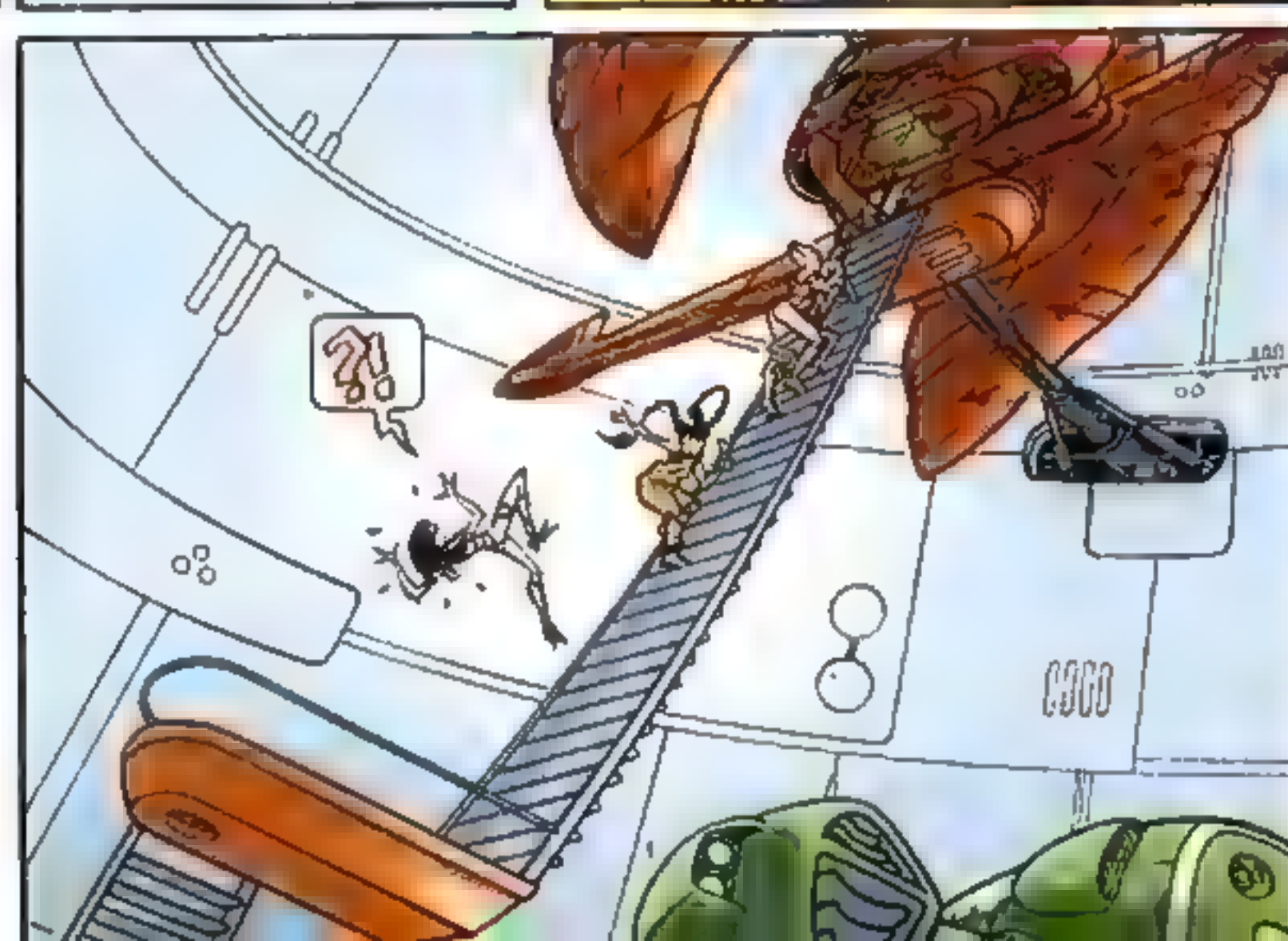
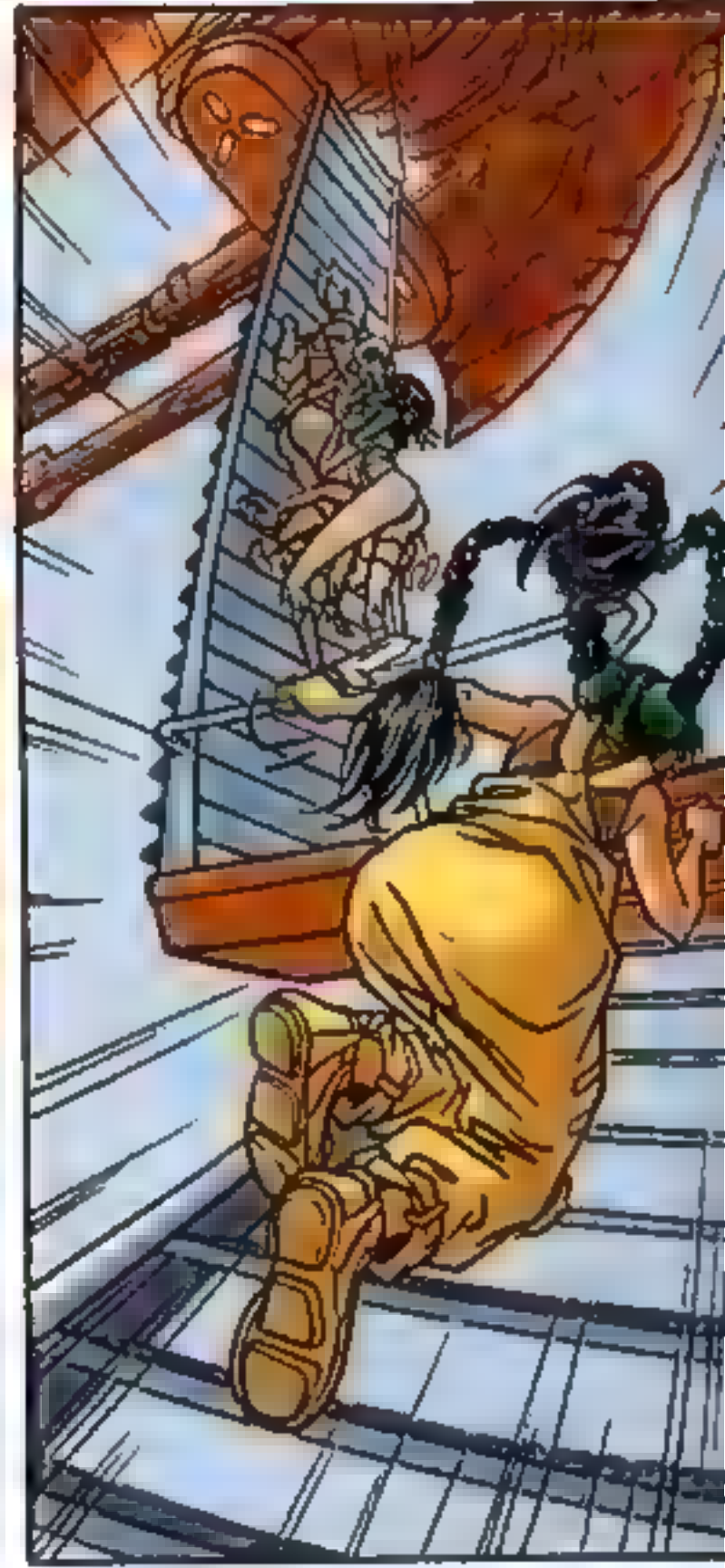
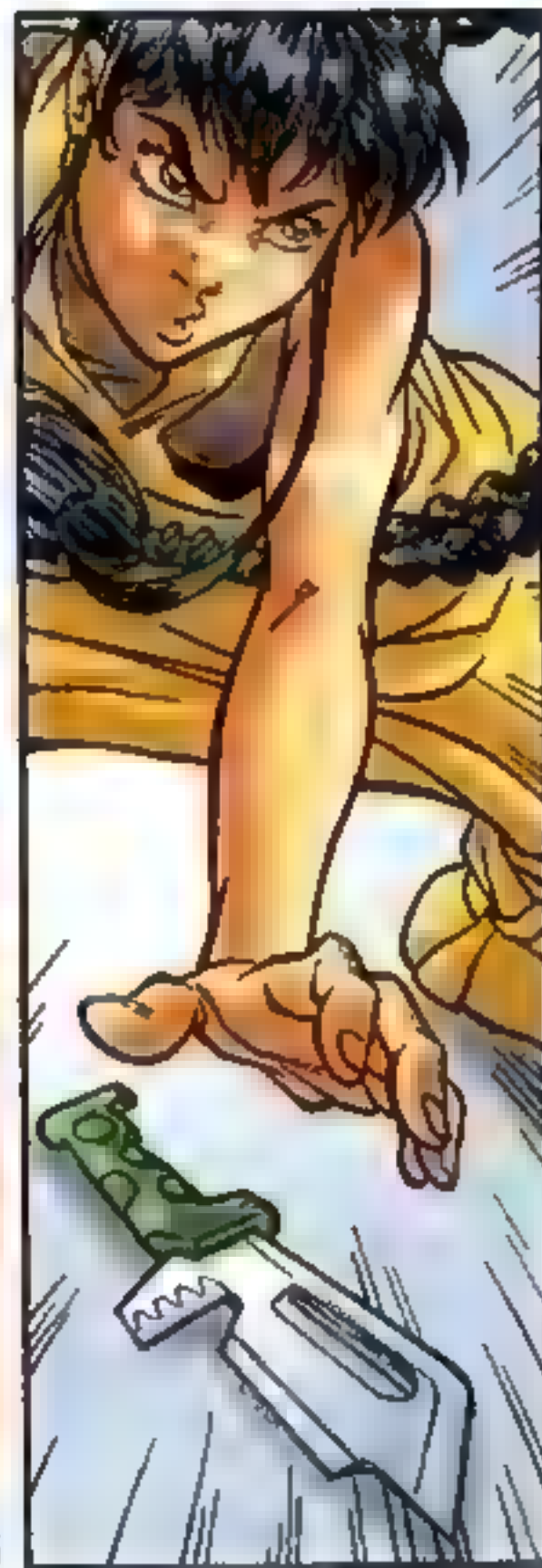
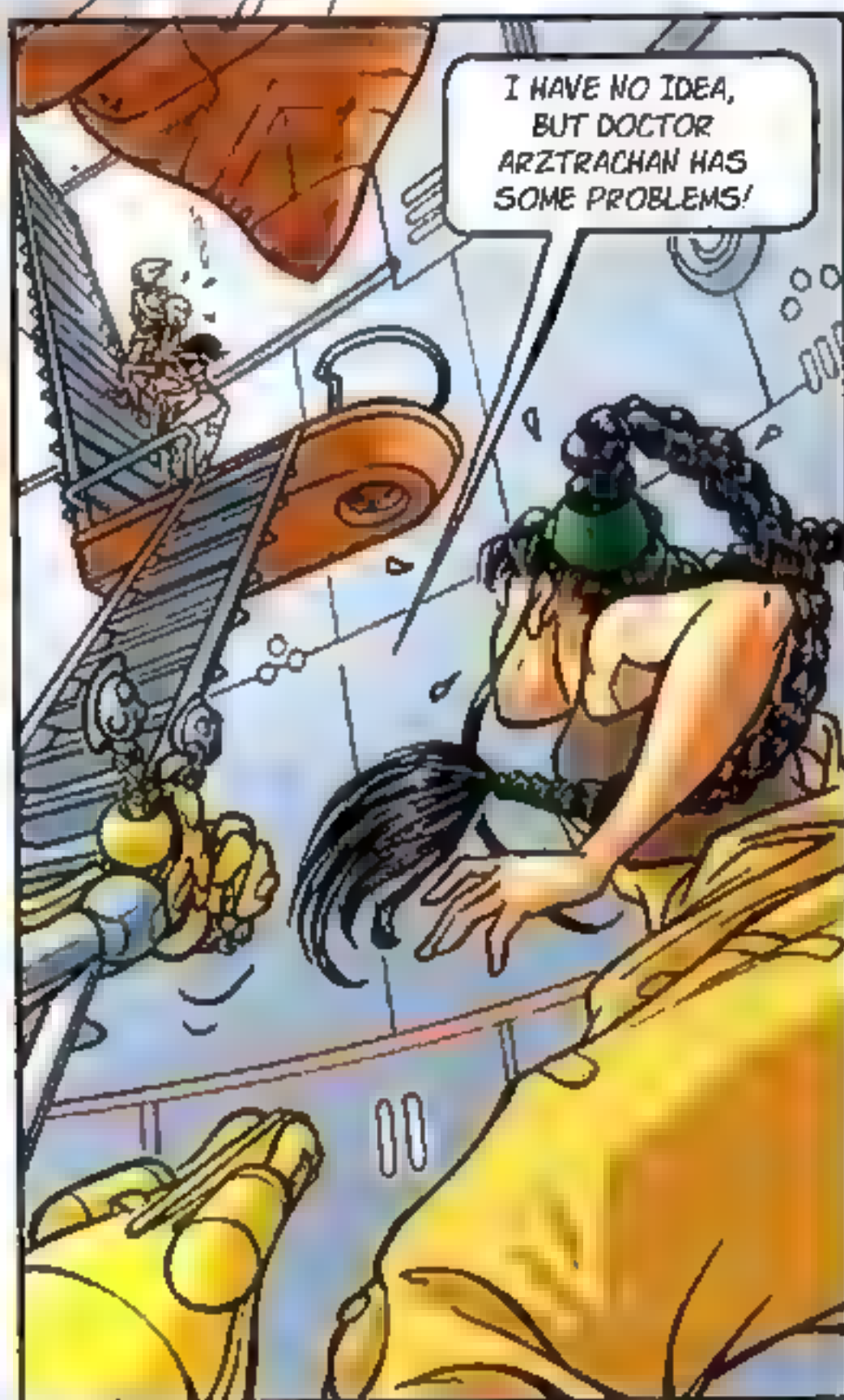
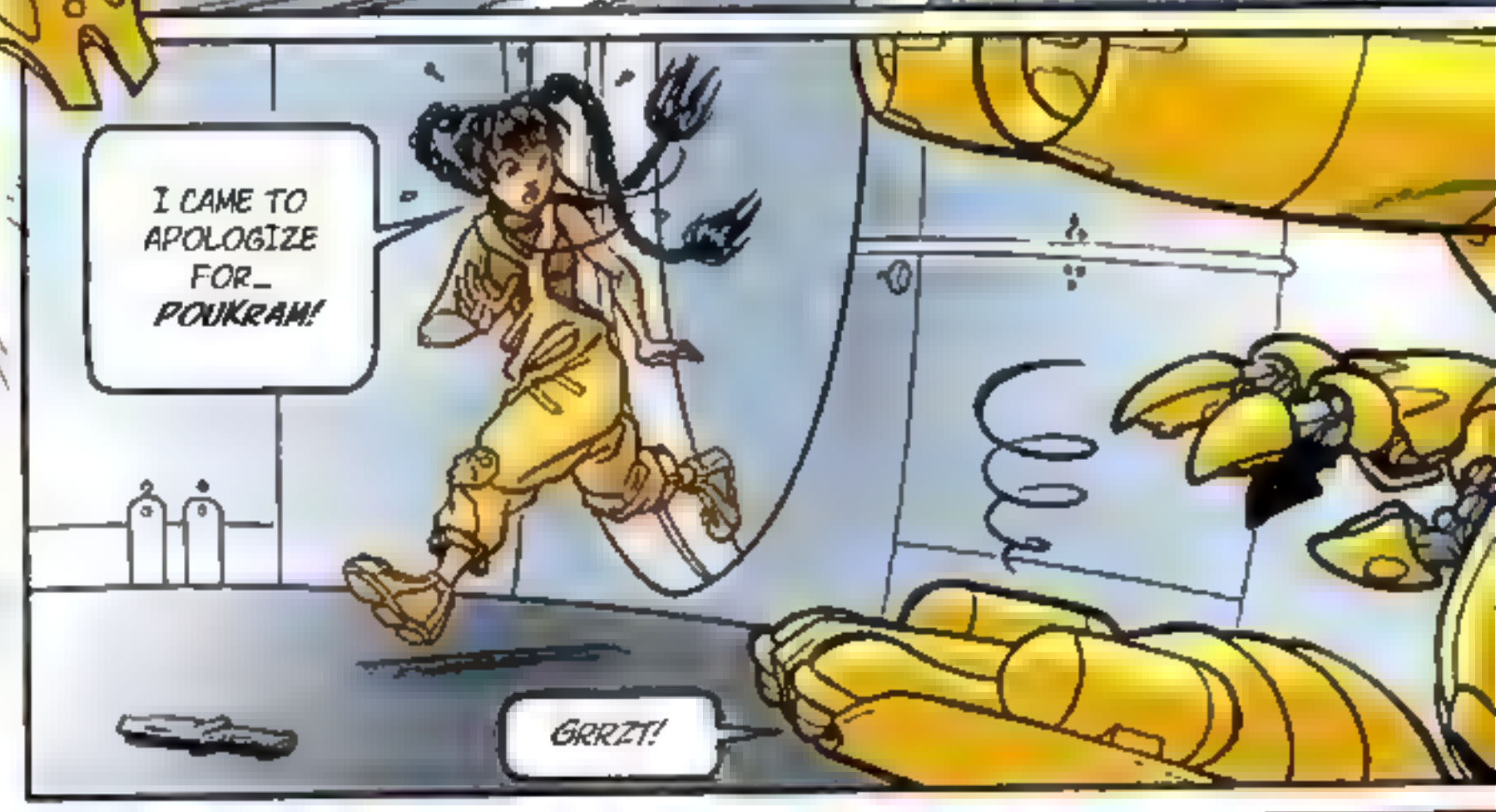
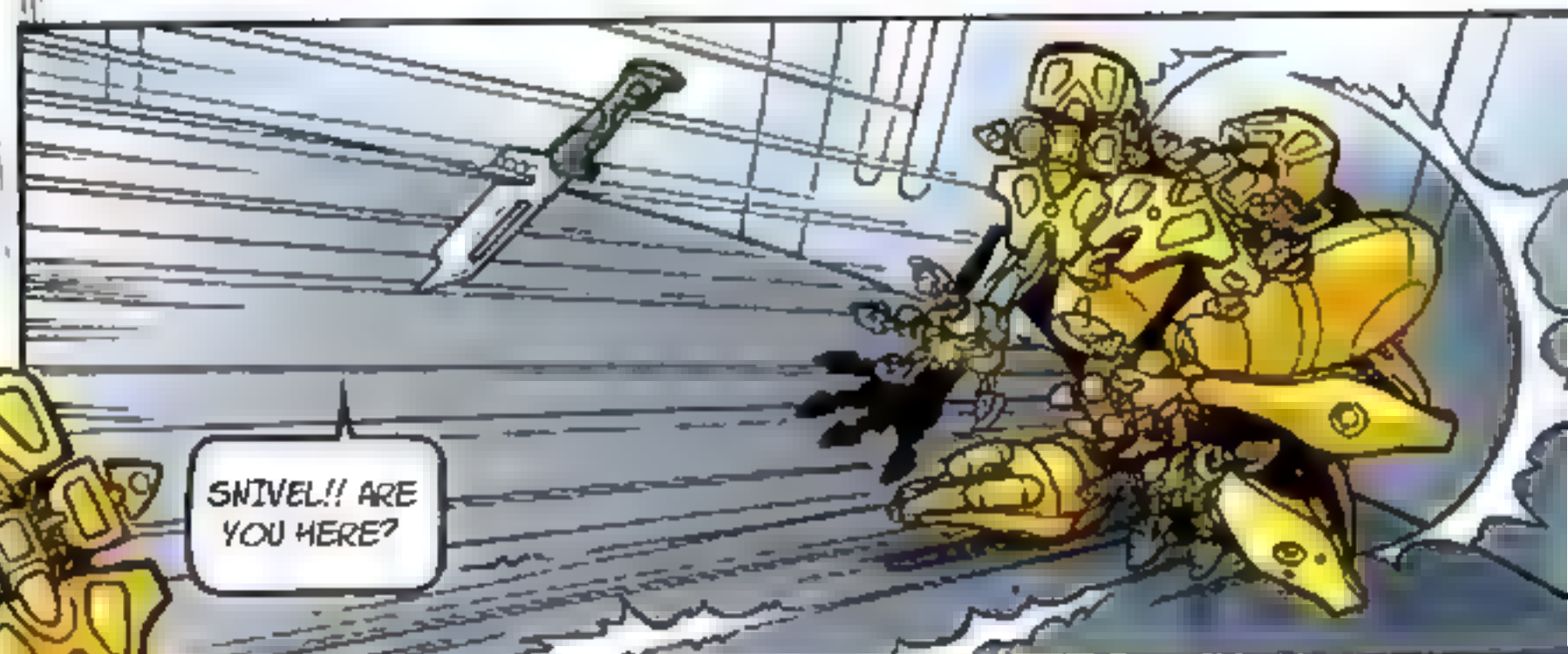
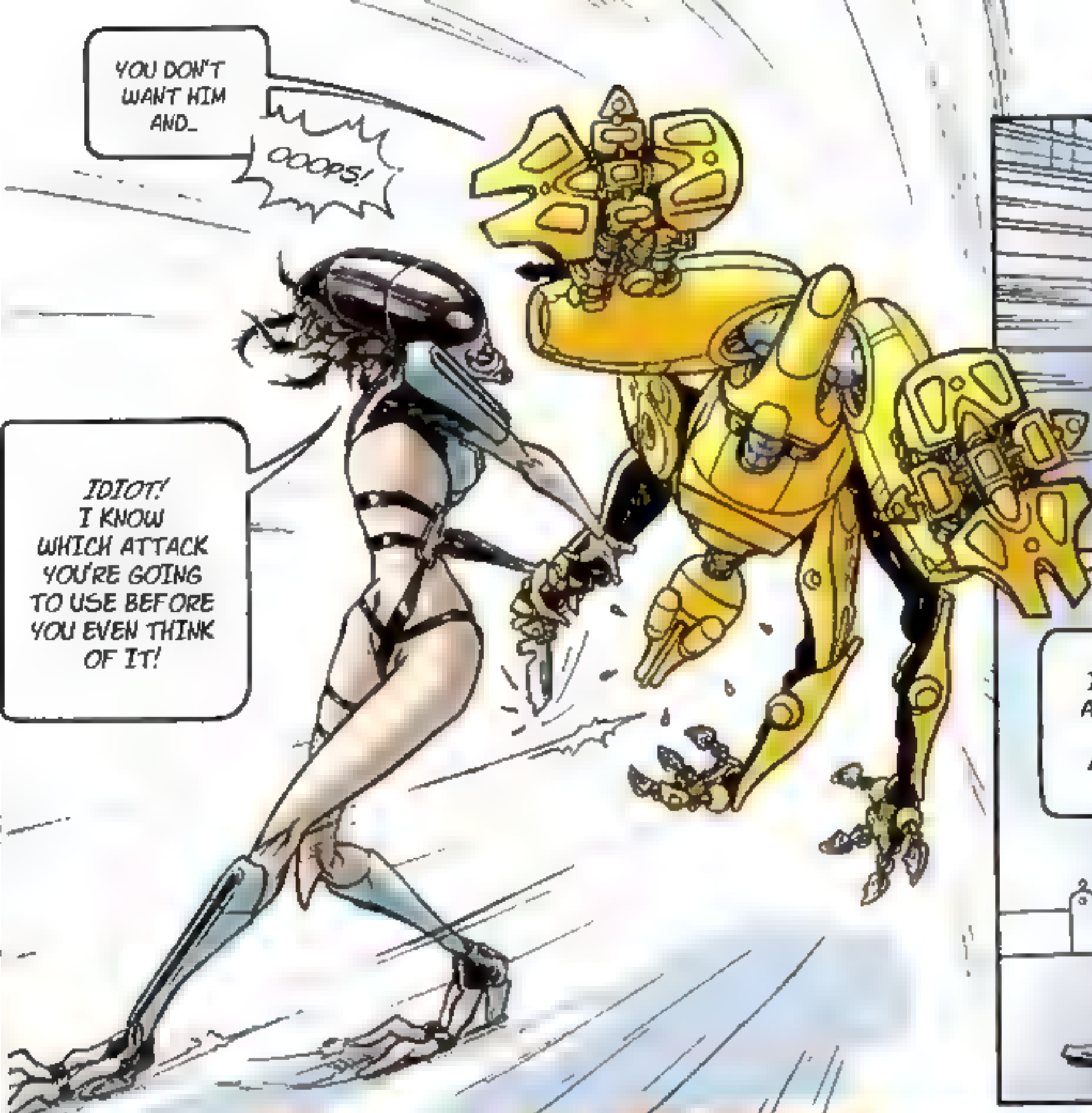
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NO!

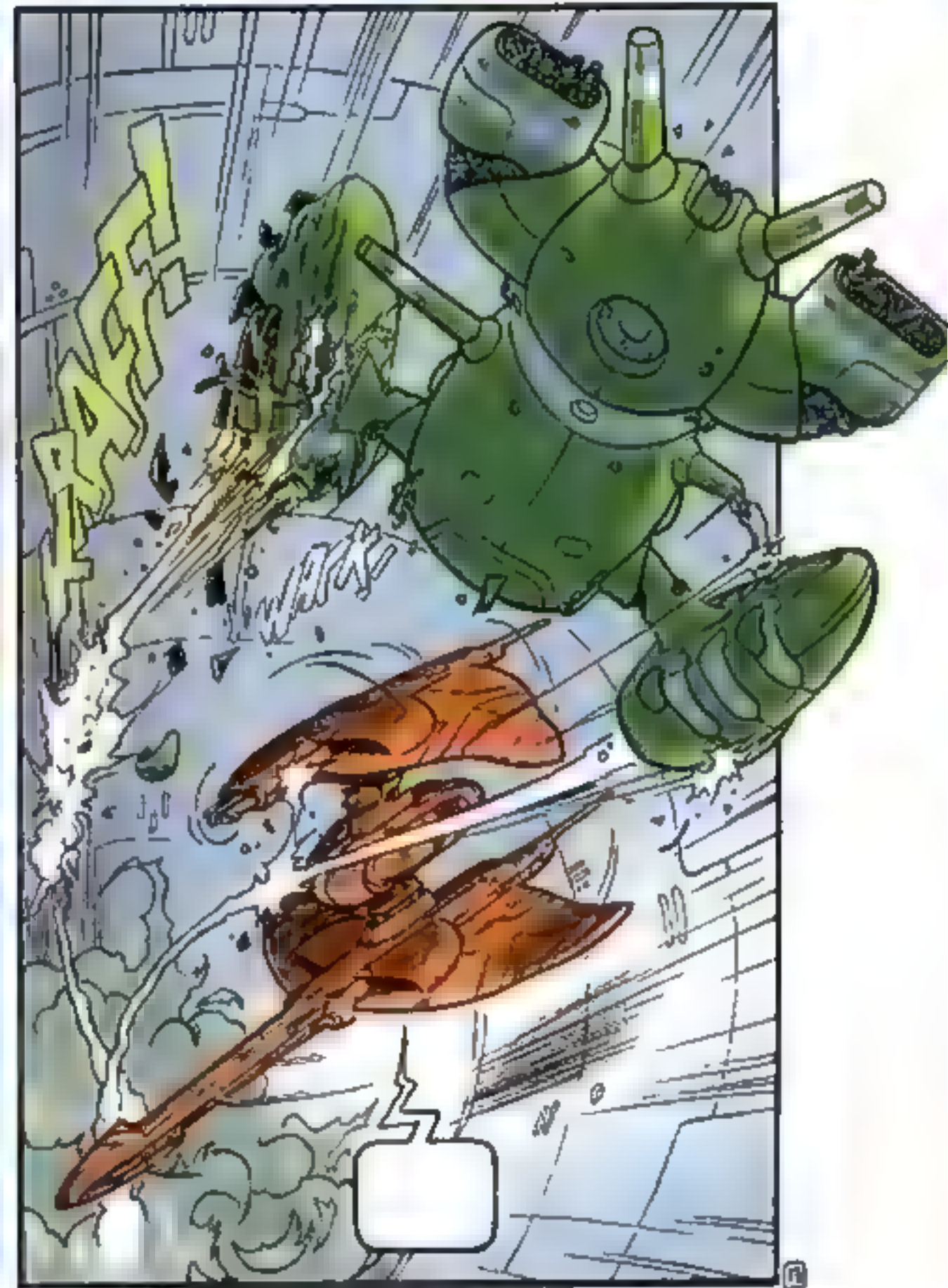
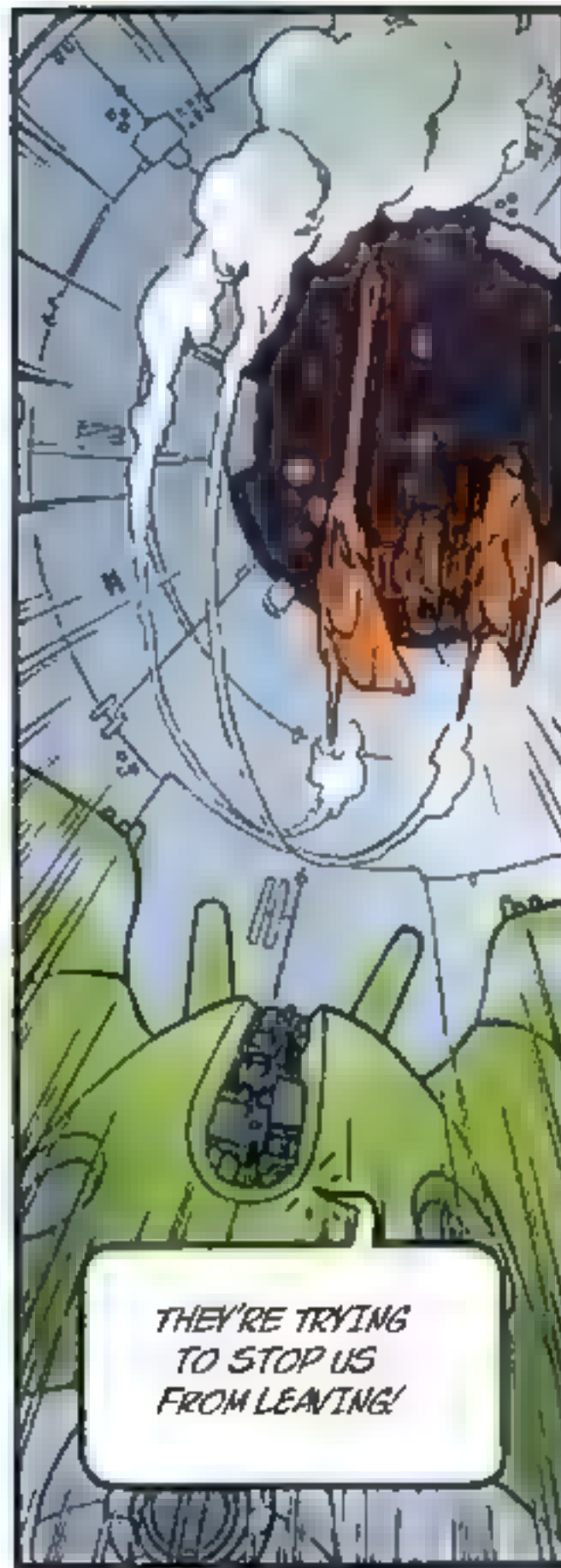
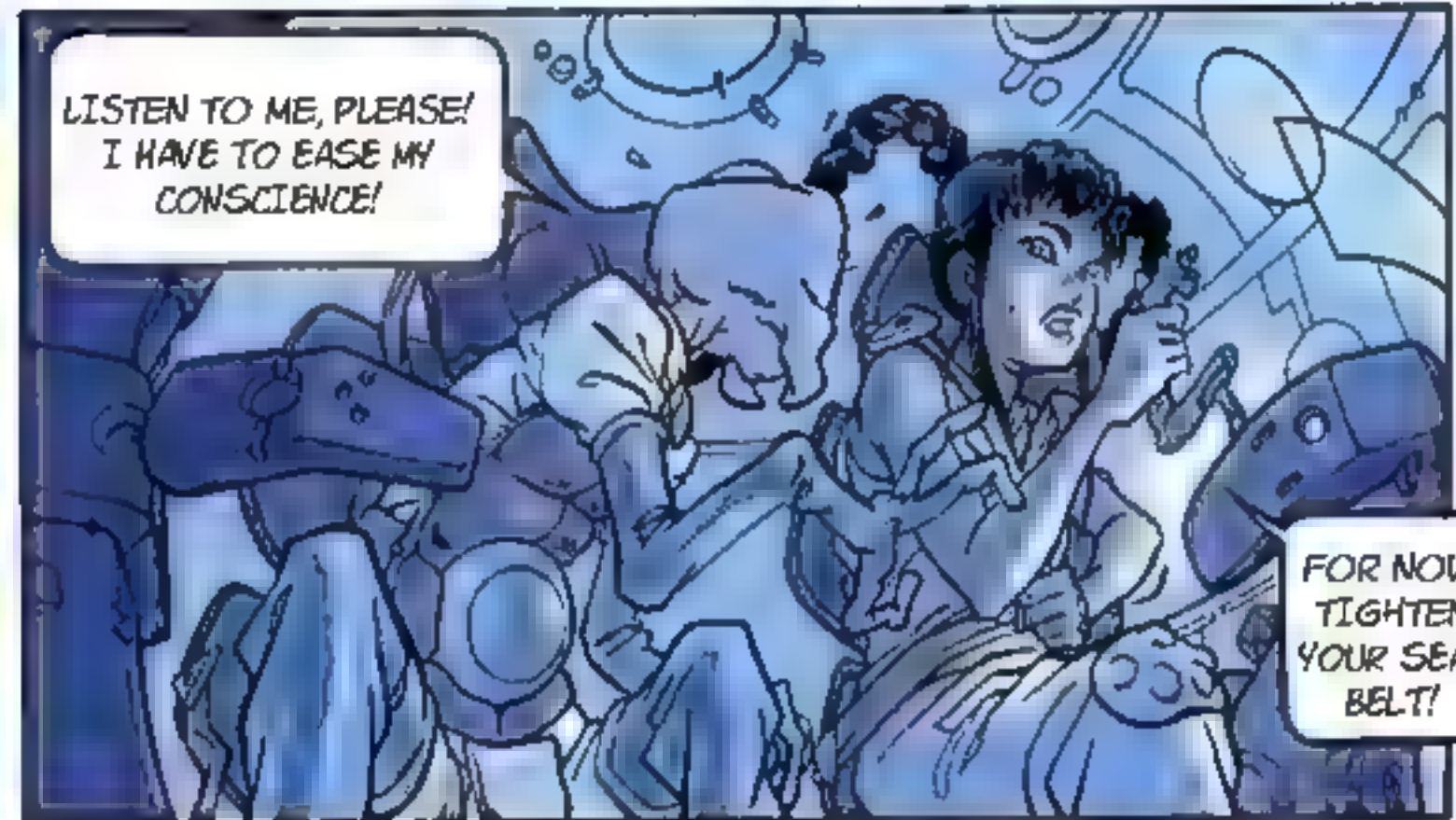
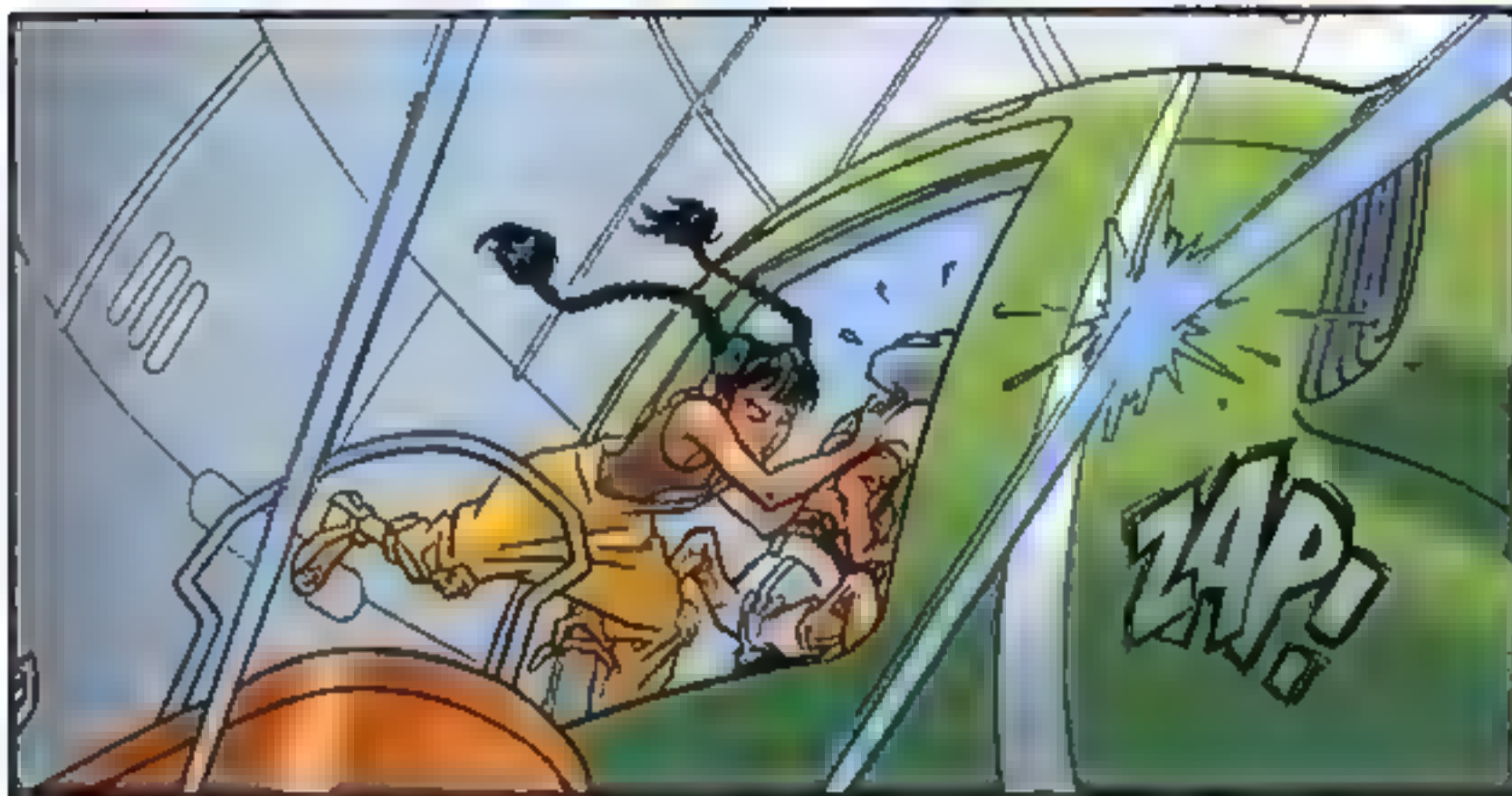
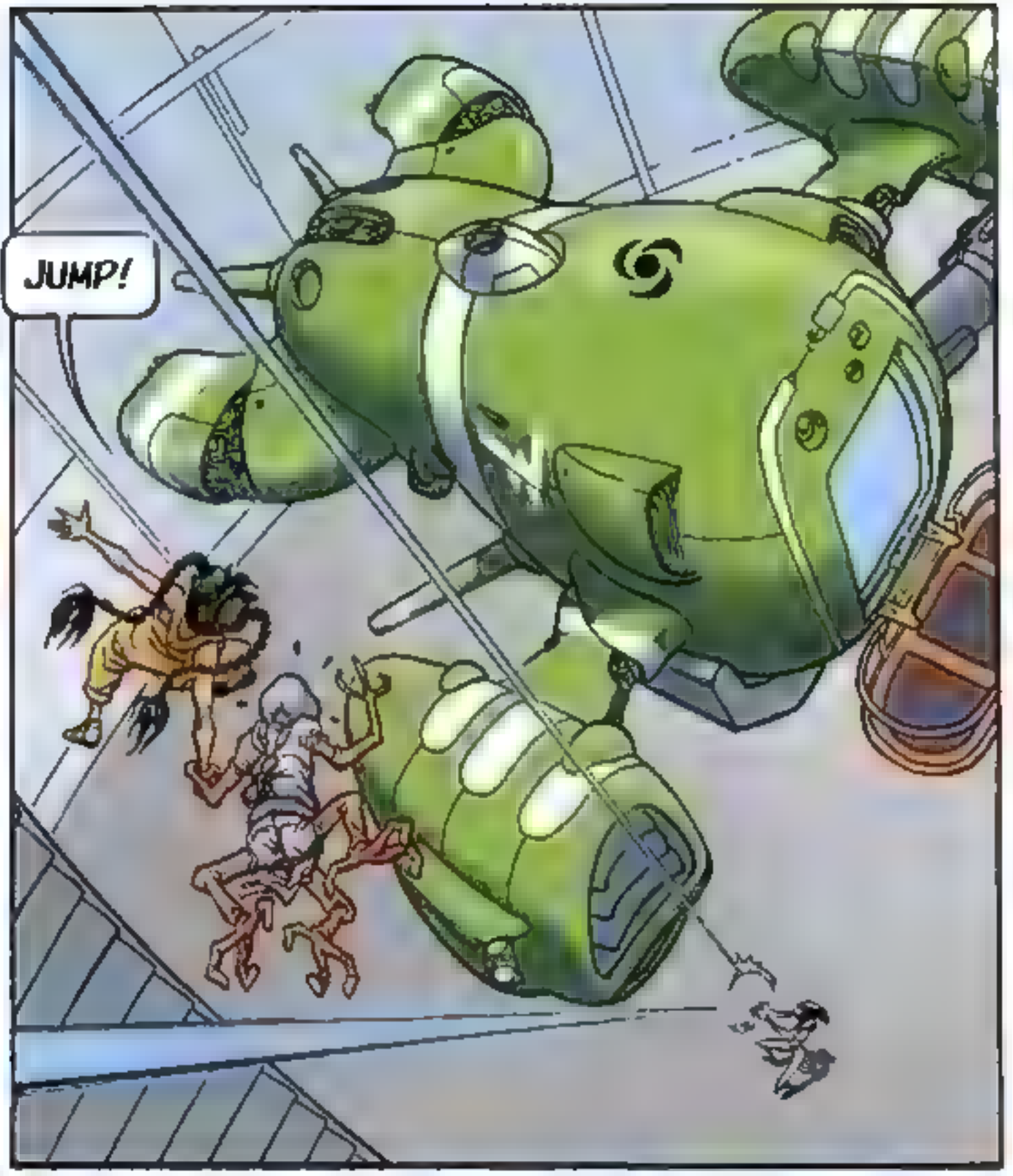
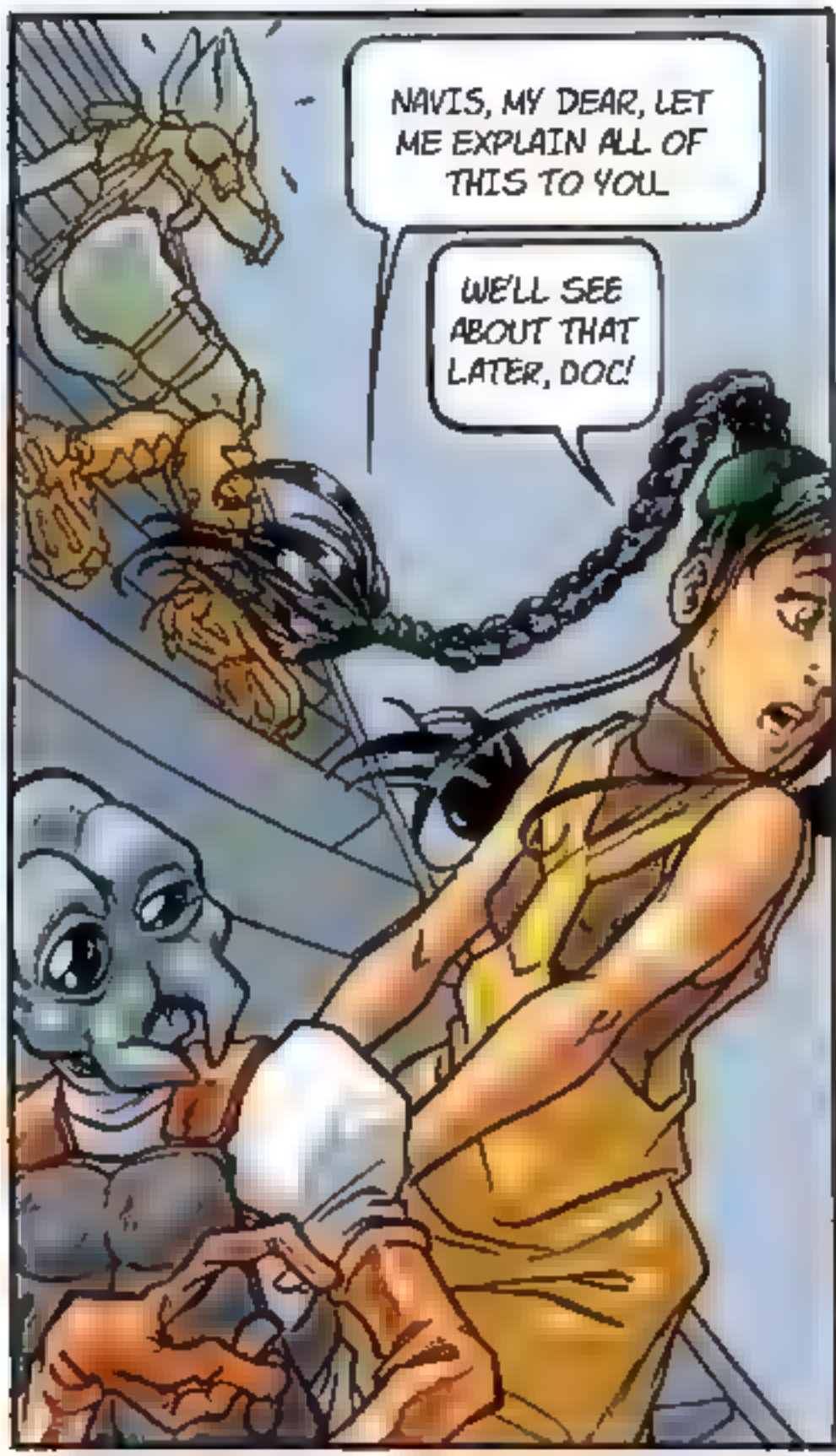
YOU'RE GOING TO
REGRET TRYING TO
ESCAPE FROM US,
DOCTOR!

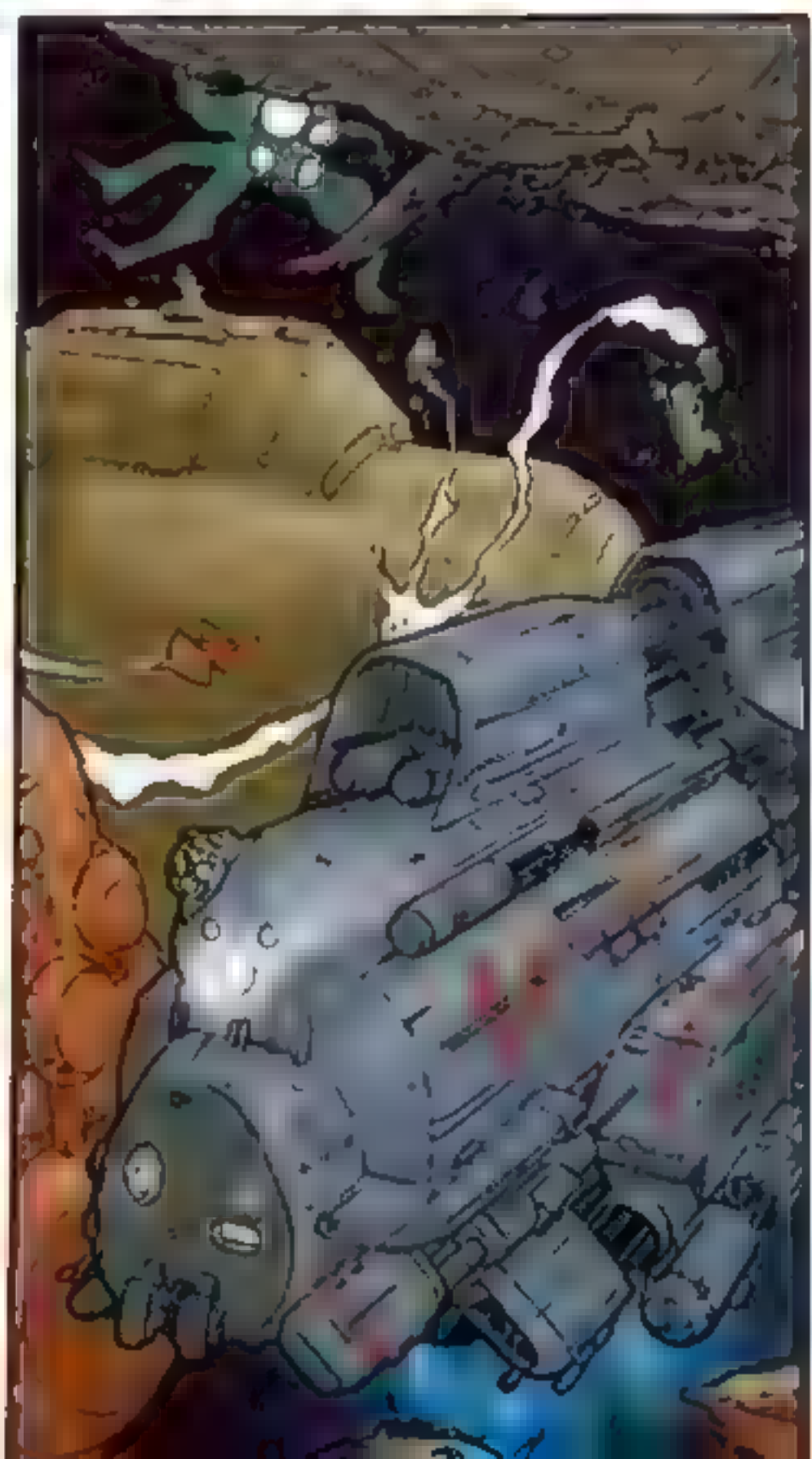
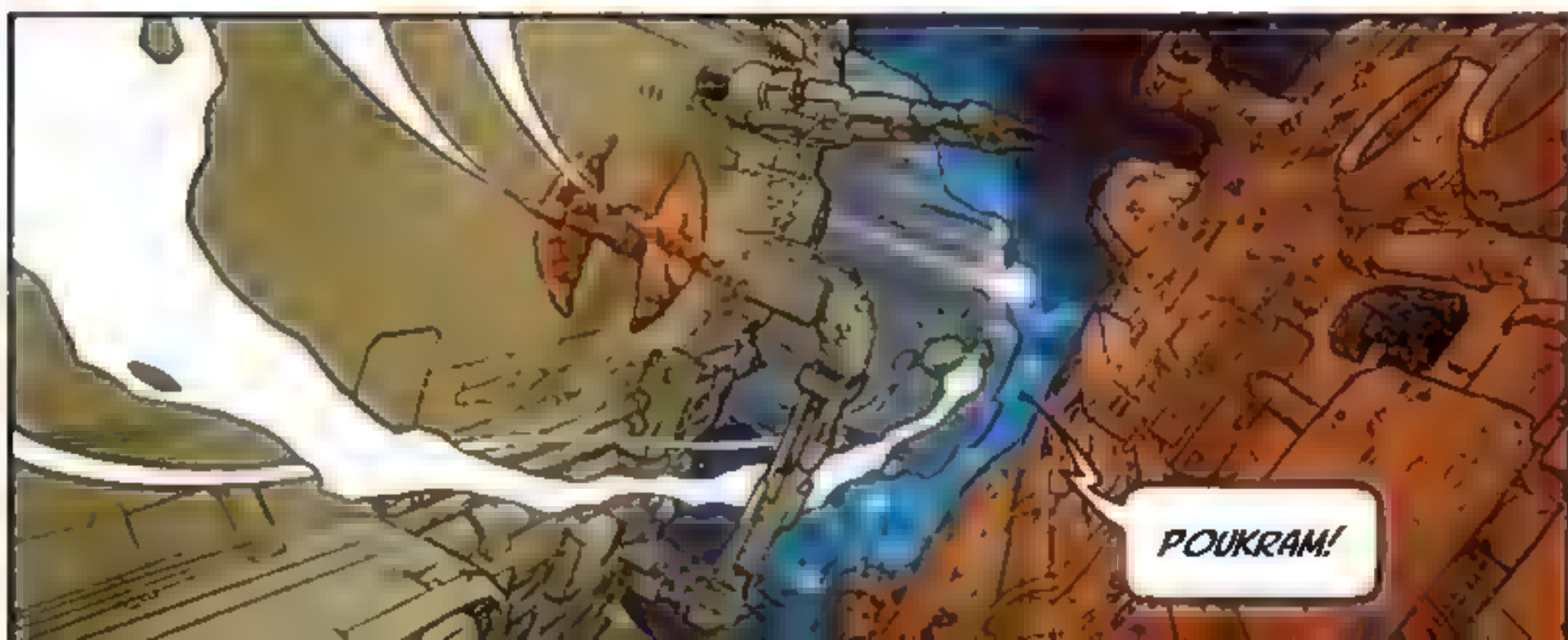
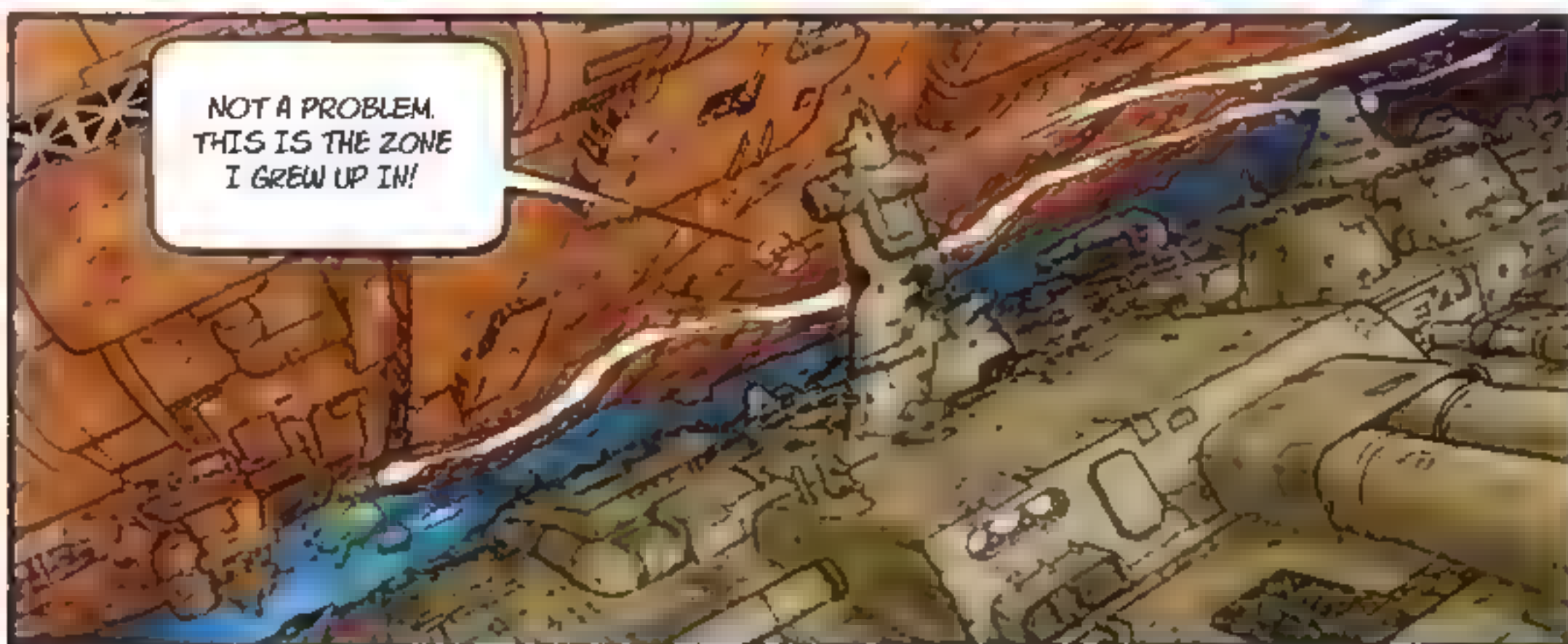
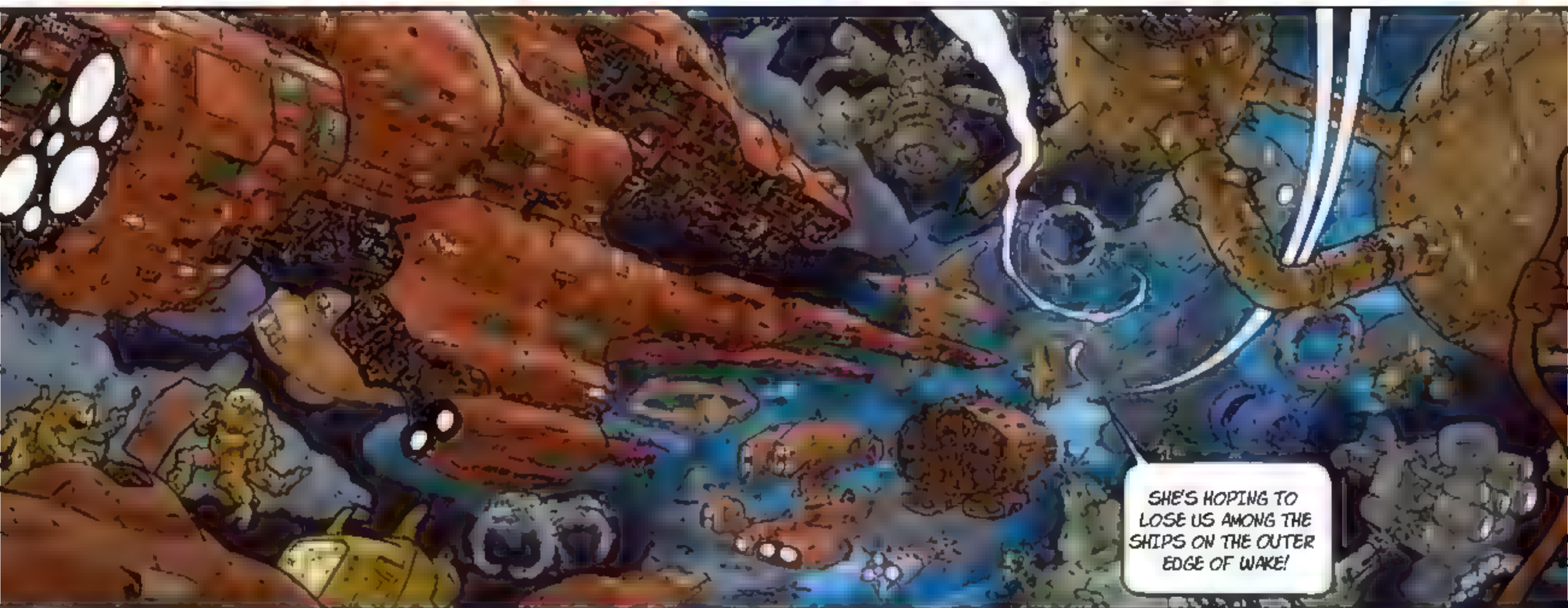
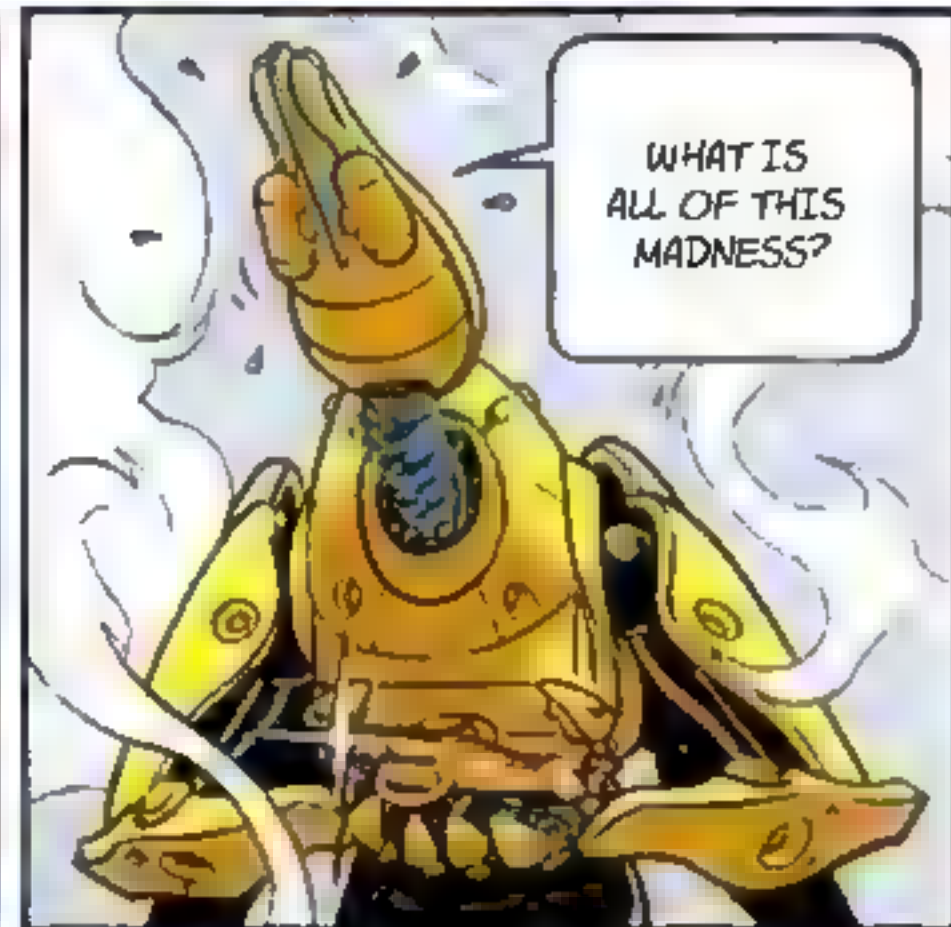
DON'T WORRY
ARZTRACHAN, I
WILL PROTECT
YOU!

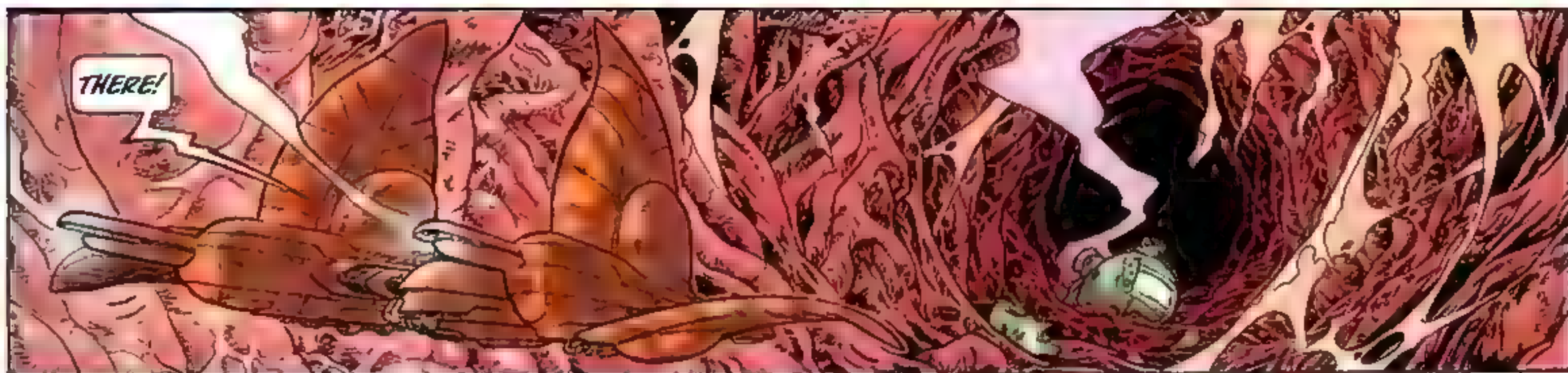
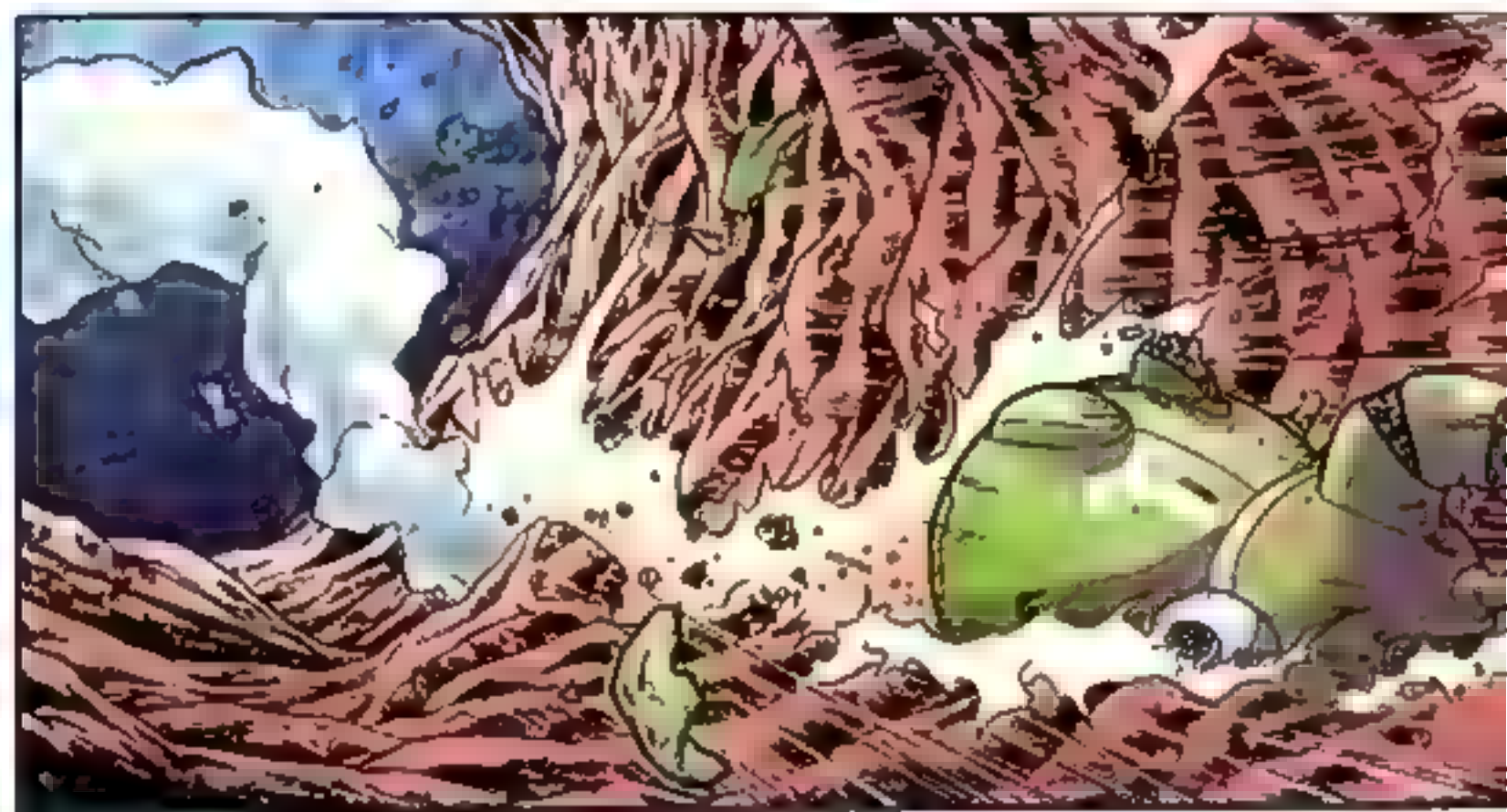


DISPERSE, OR YOU'LL MAKE
ME RESORT TO FORCE!
I AM TRAINED IN ALL
WEAPON COMBAT
TECHNIQUES!

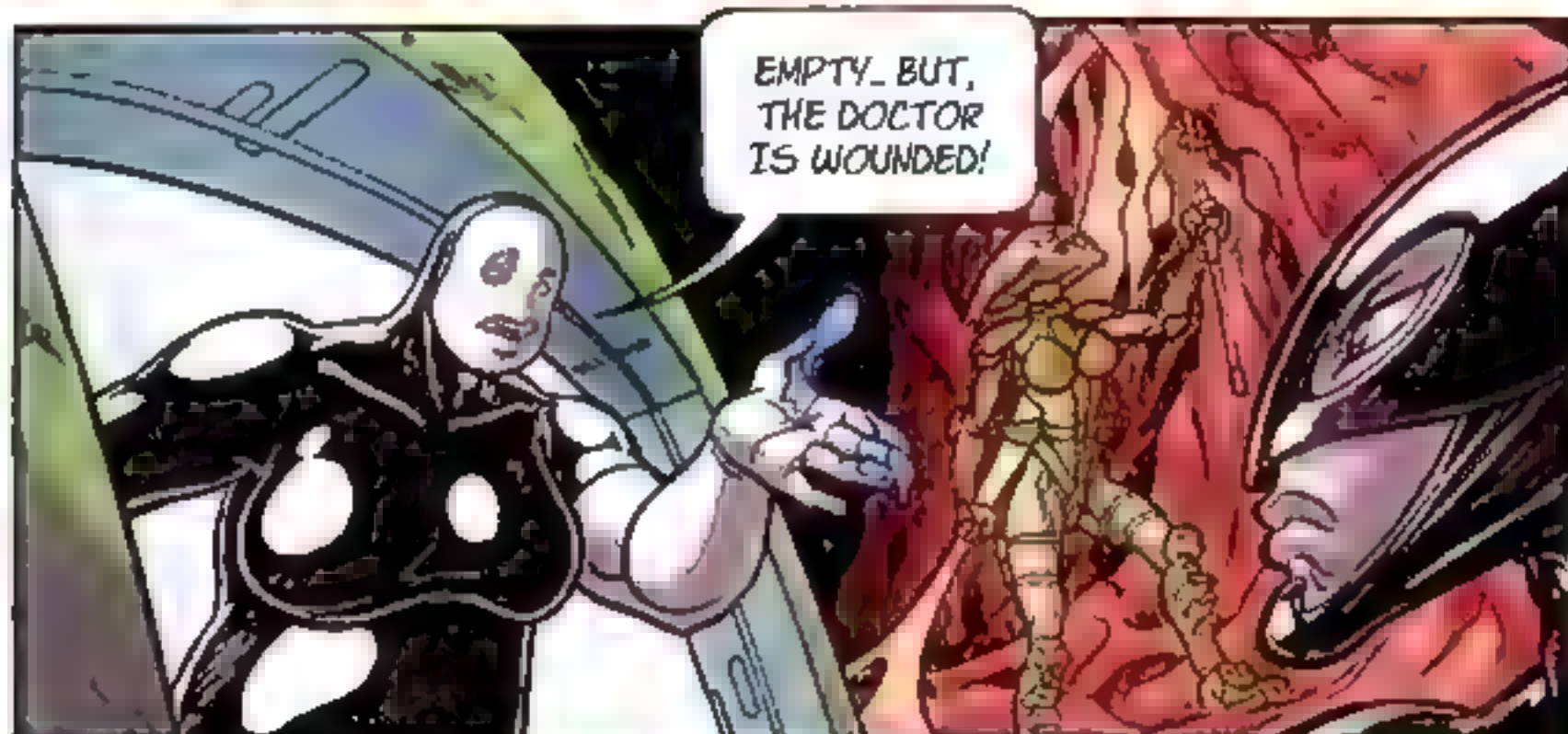




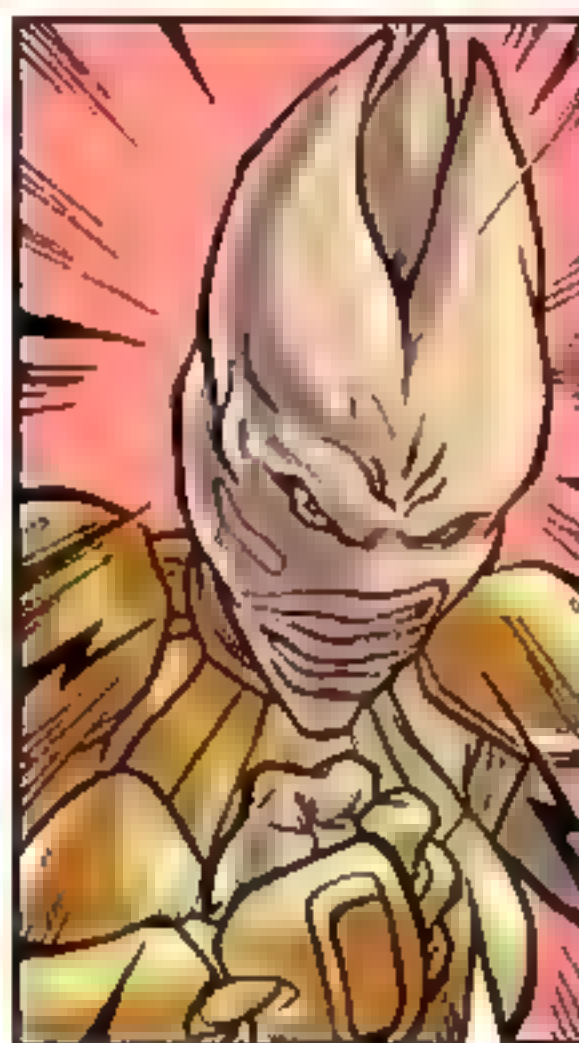




THERE!



EMPTY... BUT,
THE DOCTOR
IS WOUNDED!



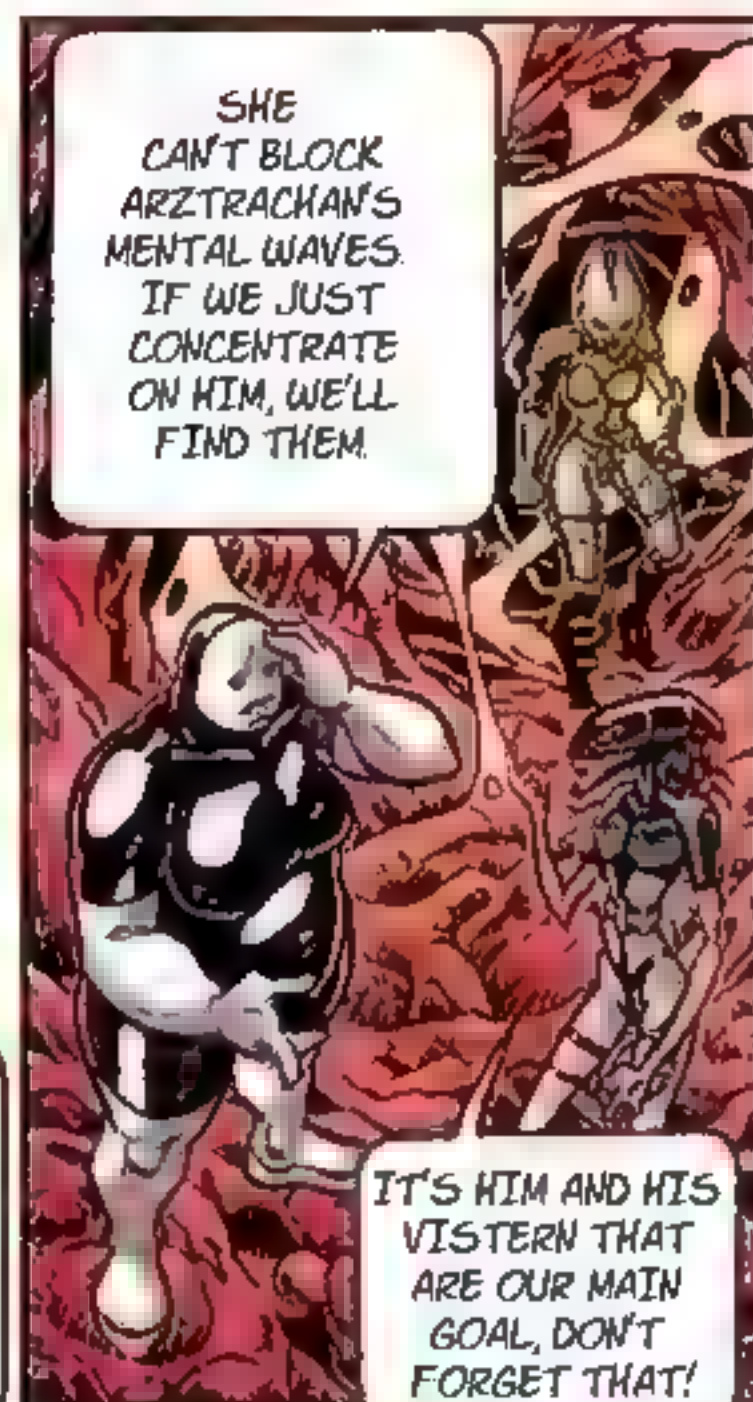
SHE
CAN'T BLOCK
ARZTRACHAN'S
MENTAL WAVES.
IF WE JUST
CONCENTRATE
ON HIM, WE'LL
FIND THEM.



WE'LL HAVE A HARD
TIME FINDING THEM
IN ALL OF THESE
GALLERIES.

THE MENTAL WAVES
OF THAT FEMALE ARE
TOTALLY UNDETECTABLE!

THAT'S WHY SHE WAS
ABLE TO ATTACK US
FROM BEHIND! NO ONE
CAN HUMILIATE US
LIKE THAT!



IT'S HIM AND HIS
VISTERN THAT
ARE OUR MAIN
GOAL, DON'T
FORGET THAT!



MAYBE, BUT
SHE HAS TO
BE WITH HIM.

AND, I'M TELLING
YOU, I'M NOT GOING
TO PASS UP MY
CHANCE FOR
VENGEANCE.

YOUR NECK IS
IN BAD SHAPE!
WE HAVE TO
STOP THE
BLEEDING!

FALLBS...

GK...

INJECT THIS
SO CLOSE TO
WOUND? ARE
YOU SURE THAT
THERE'S NO
OTHER WAY?

CLOSE YOUR
MANDIBLES!

YOUR MEDICINE IS
REALLY EFFECTIVE!
THE WOUND IS
CLOSING ALREADY!

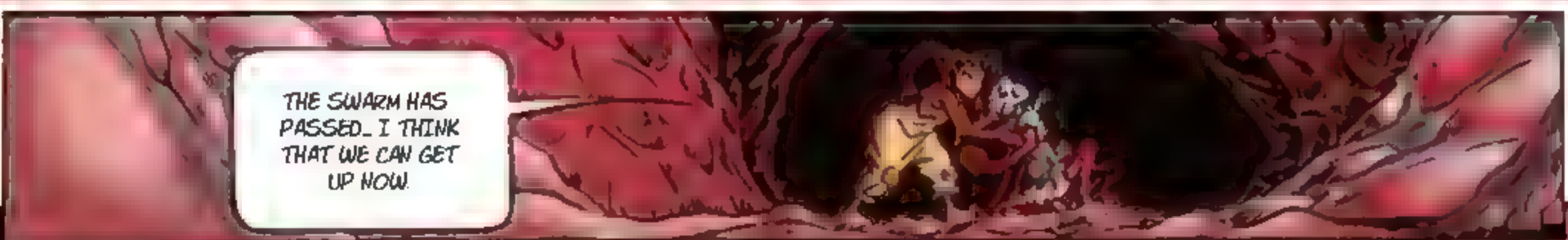
ANYWAY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE
THEY LANDED, BUT IT'S NOT
GREAT HERE, IN FACT IT'S
TERRIBLE!

BEUH...

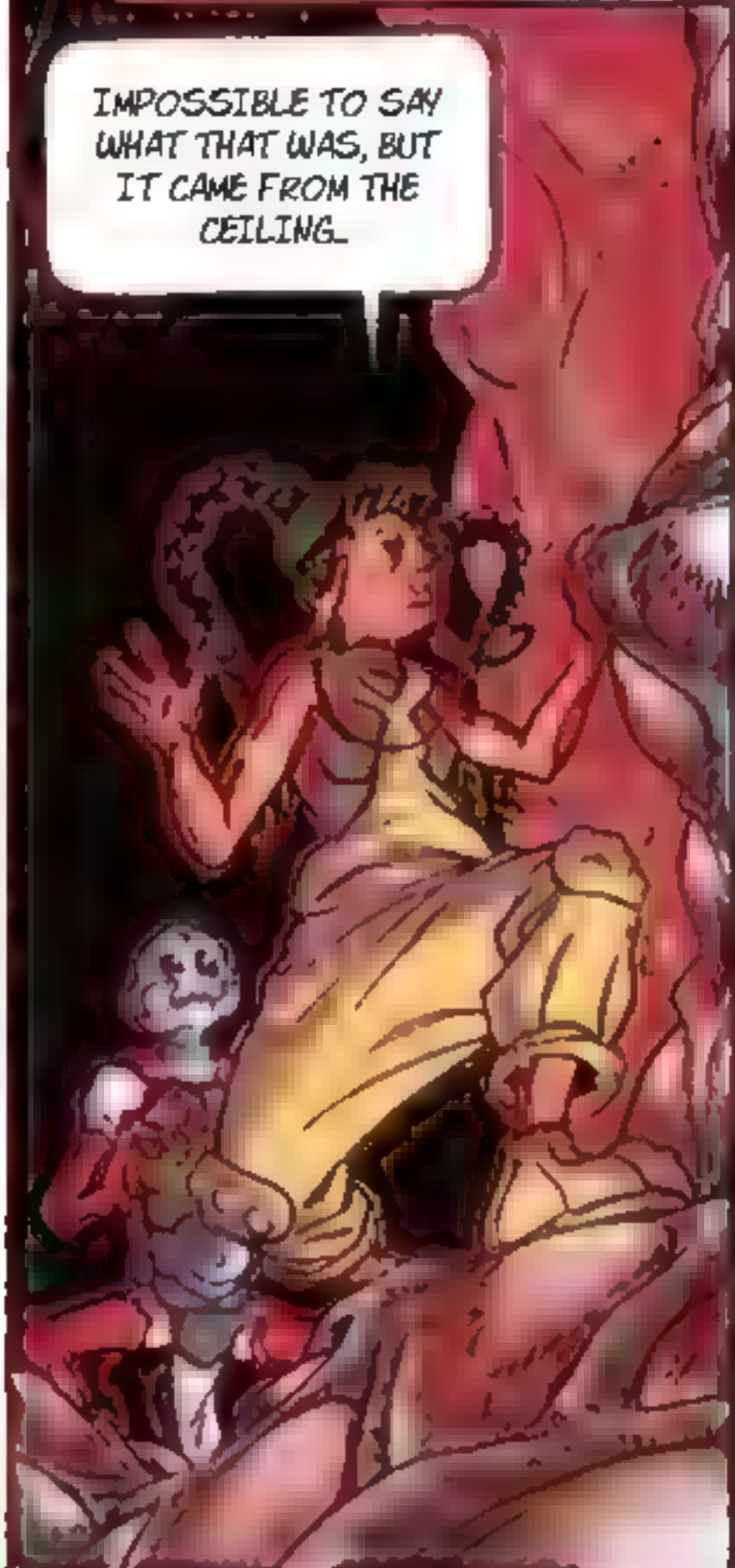
WE WON'T FIND ANY
HELP IN HERE...?!
WHAT'S THAT
NOISE?

SHLORFF
SHLORFF

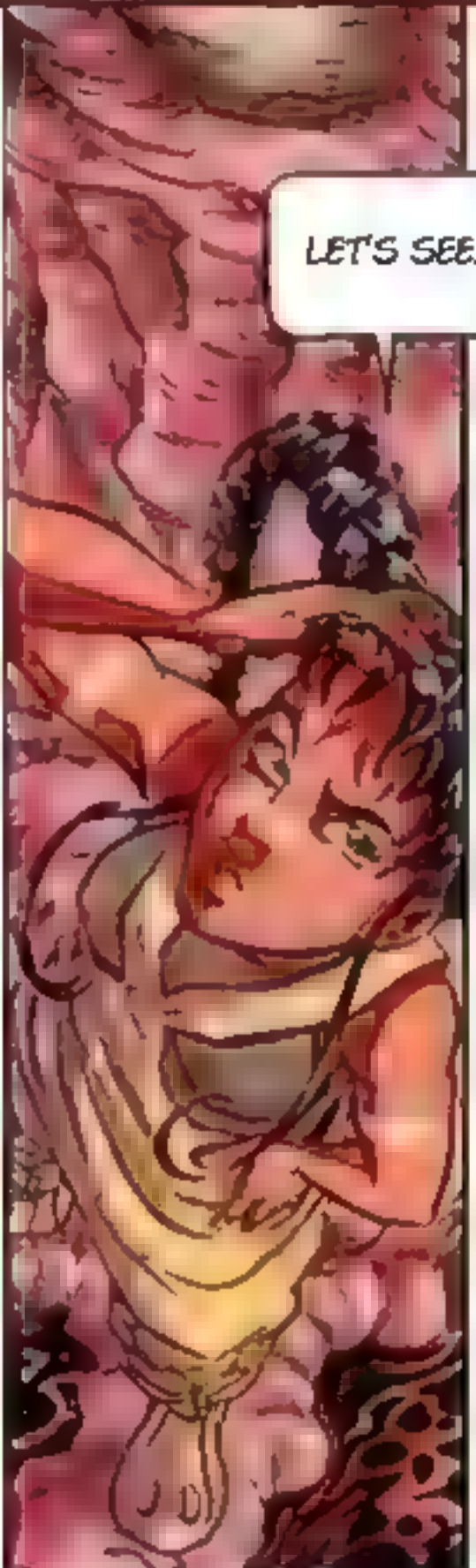
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THE SWARM HAS
PASSED... I THINK
THAT WE CAN GET
UP NOW.



IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY
WHAT THAT WAS, BUT
IT CAME FROM THE
CEILING.



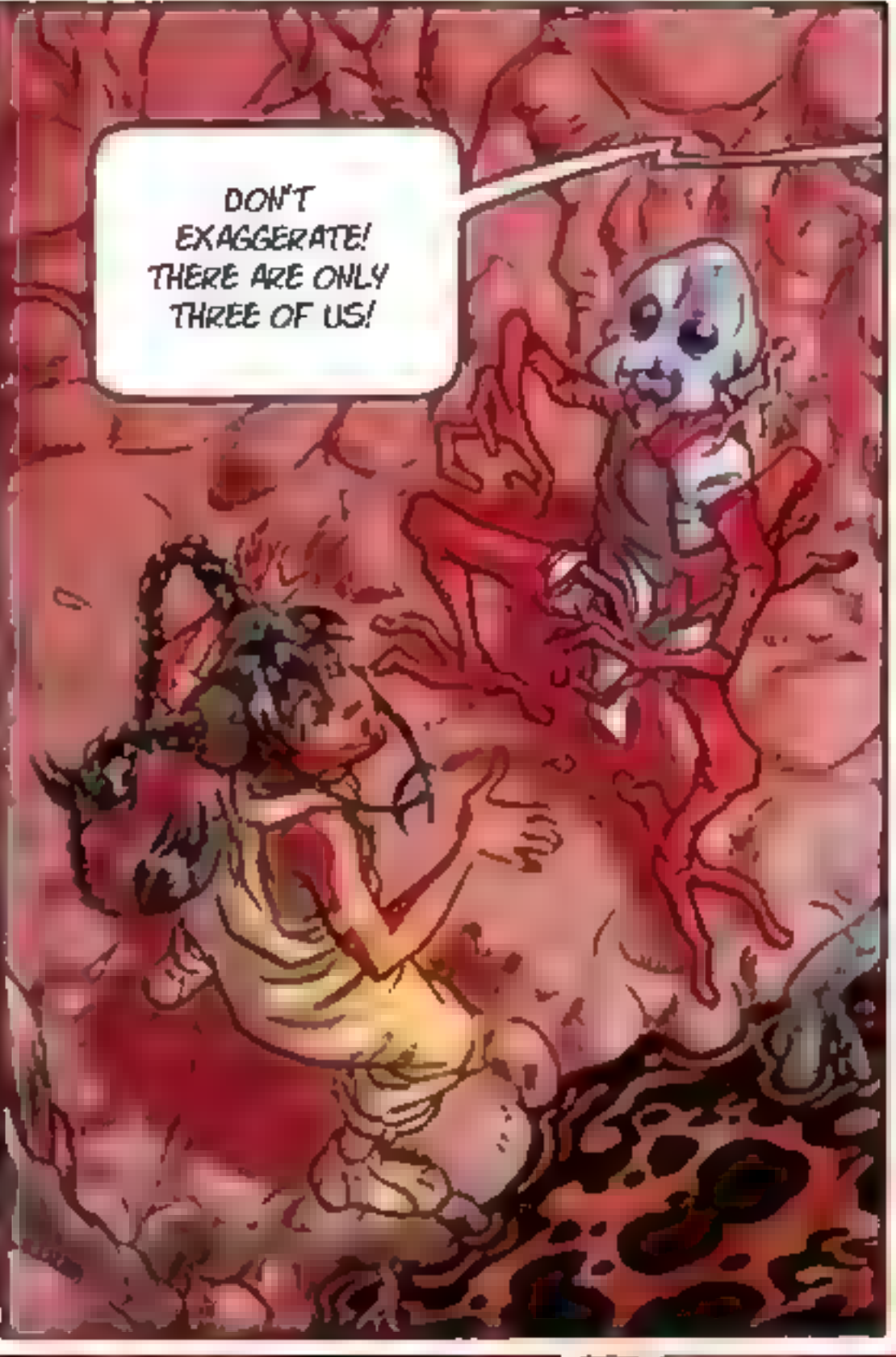
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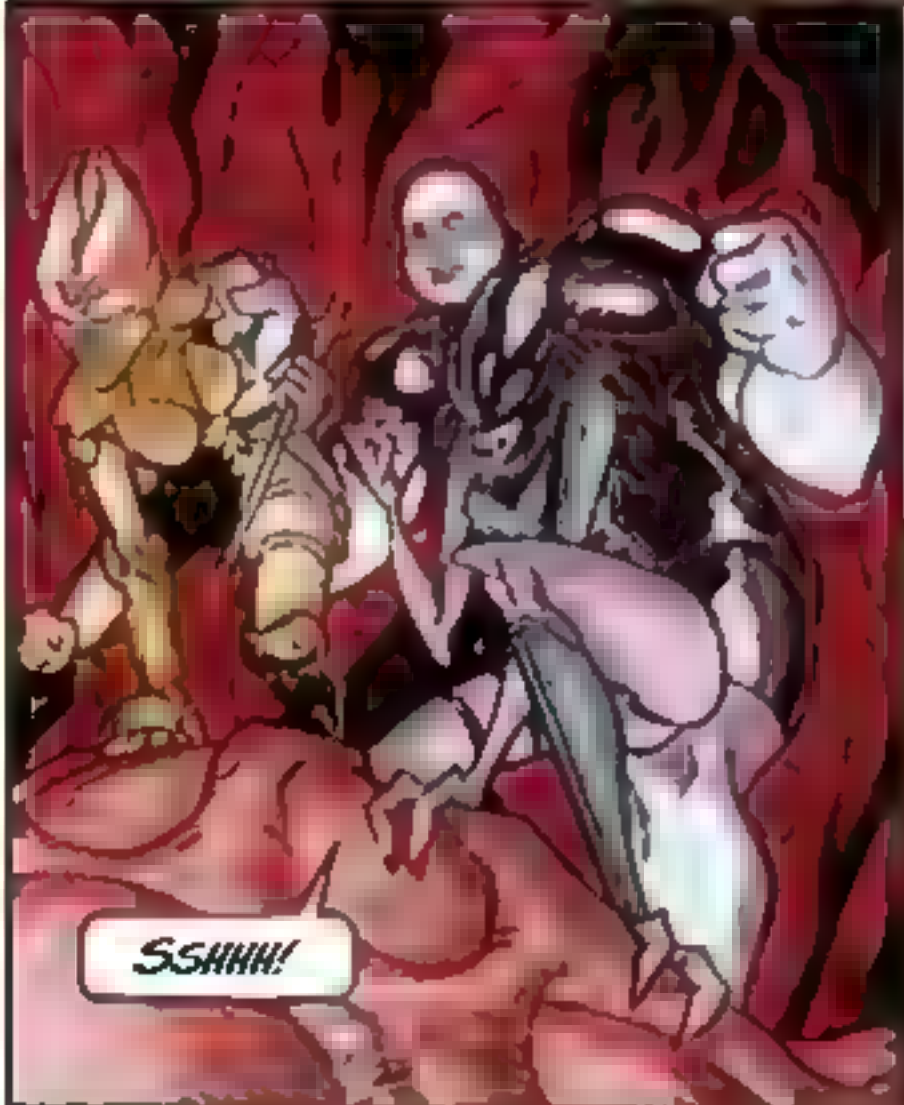
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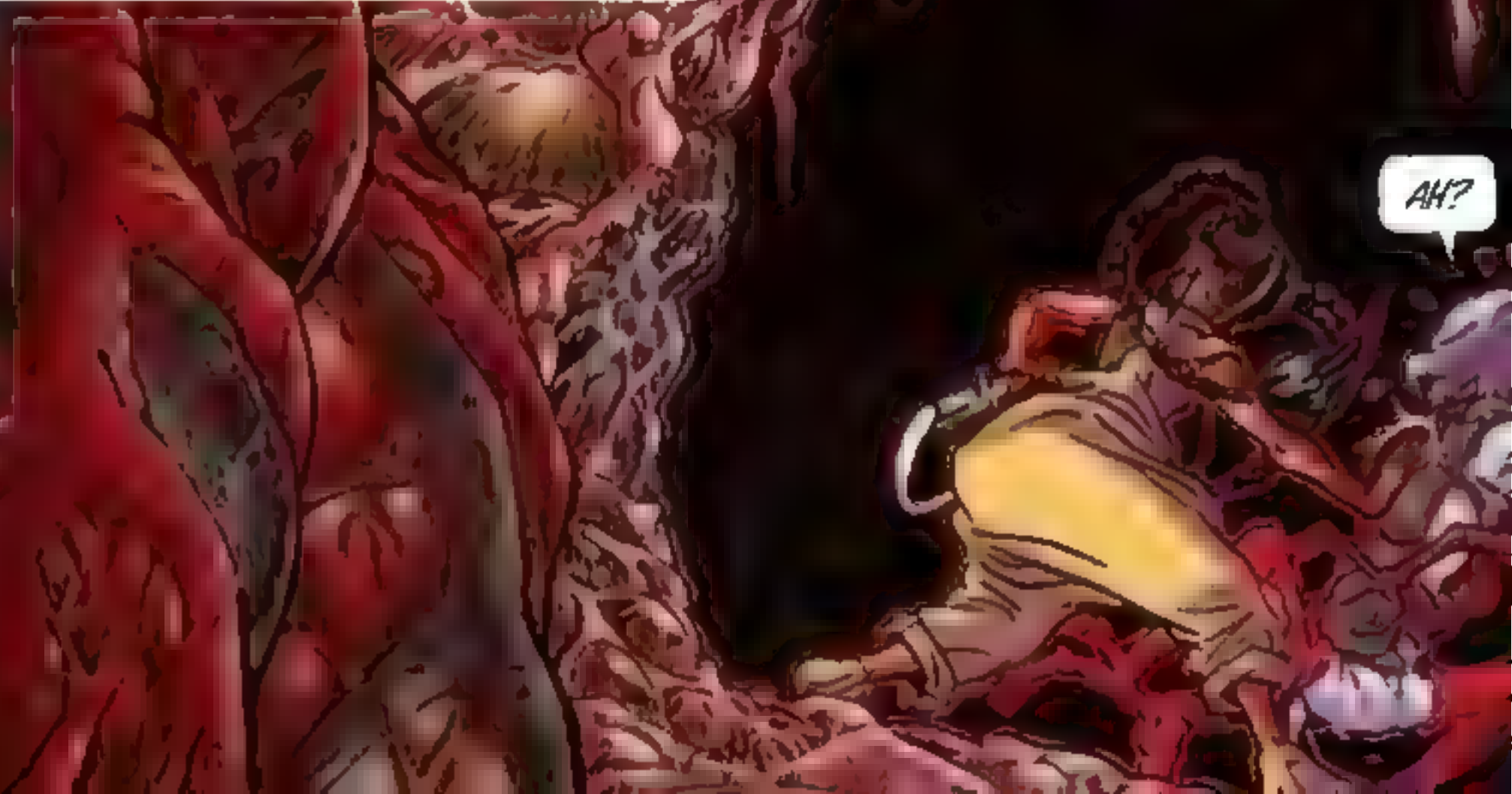
SOME SORT OF
BALD SMILERS!
THERE ARE
MILLIONS OF THEM!



DON'T
EXAGGERATE!
THERE ARE ONLY
THREE OF US!



SSHHH!



AH?

HMM...

THIS STRONGLY
RESEMBLES A THREE
DIMENSIONAL PLAN

IT IS
CONSTANTLY
EVOLVING!

THIS "VISTERN" THAT
DOCTOR ARZTRACHAN
GAVE TO YOU IS
FUNCTIONING THANKS
TO A MANUAL WE FOUND
IN HIS HOME. IT'S
SOME TYPE OF DATA
RECORDER

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS MADE BY
THE GHOMOREANS. WE KNOW LITTLE
ABOUT THEIR TECHNOLOGY

THEIR RACE PROPOSED THE IDEA OF
WAKE, BUT THE ENTIRE POPULATION
COMMITTED A SPECTACULAR MASS
SUICIDE BEFORE WAKE WAS FORMED

THAT DOESN'T
TELL US WHAT
THIS PLAN
MEANS

HMM...

I ADVANCE THE HYPOTHESIS
THAT THEY HAD AN EFFECT ON
THE ACTUAL HOME PLANET OF
DOCTOR ARZTRACHAN

HE KNEW THAT HE WAS IN DANGER,
YET HE TOOK THE TIME TO MAKE
SURE NAVIS RECEIVED THE VISTERN
NO MATTER WHAT, BEFORE HE FLED
HIS PURSUERS

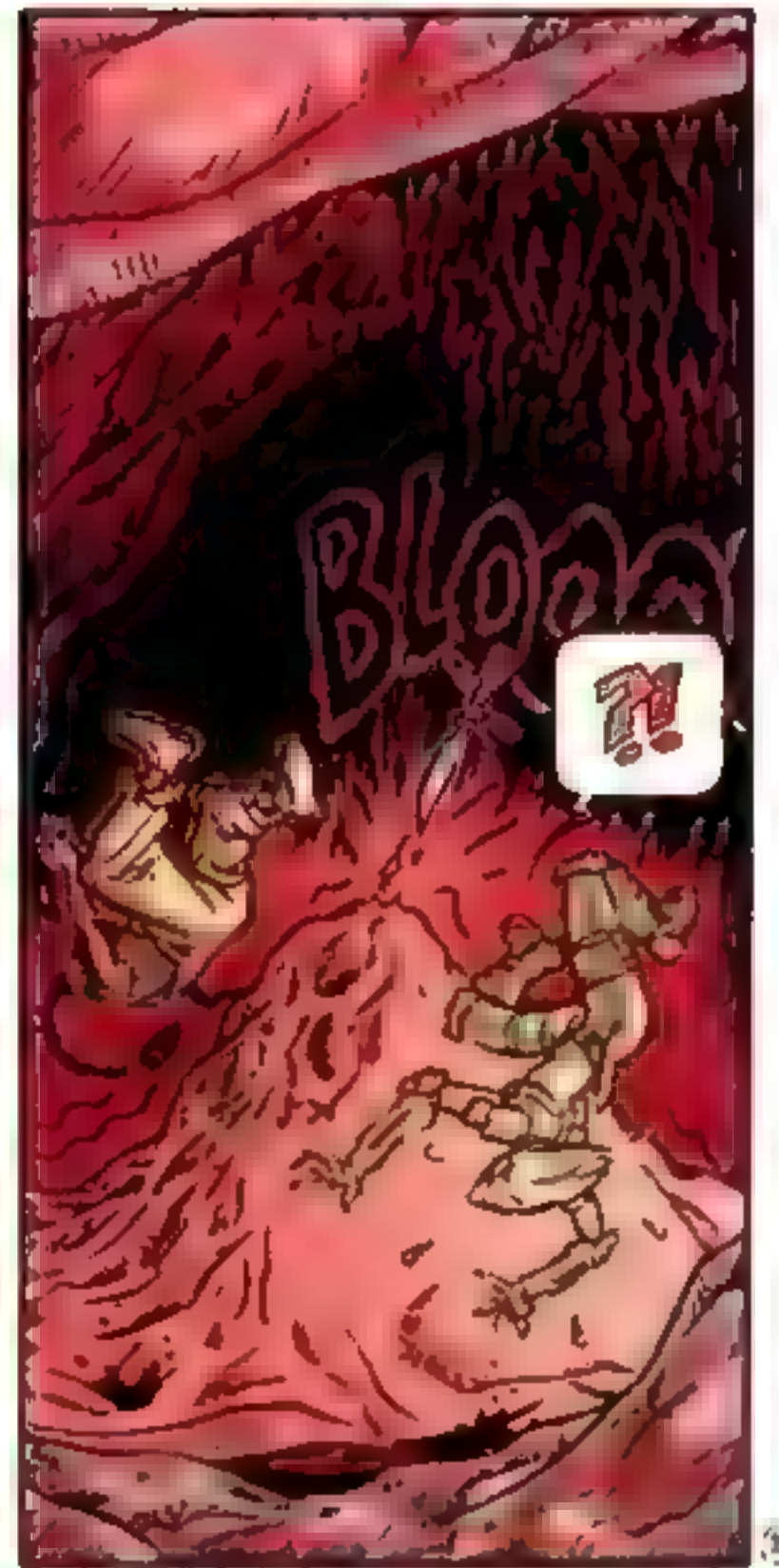
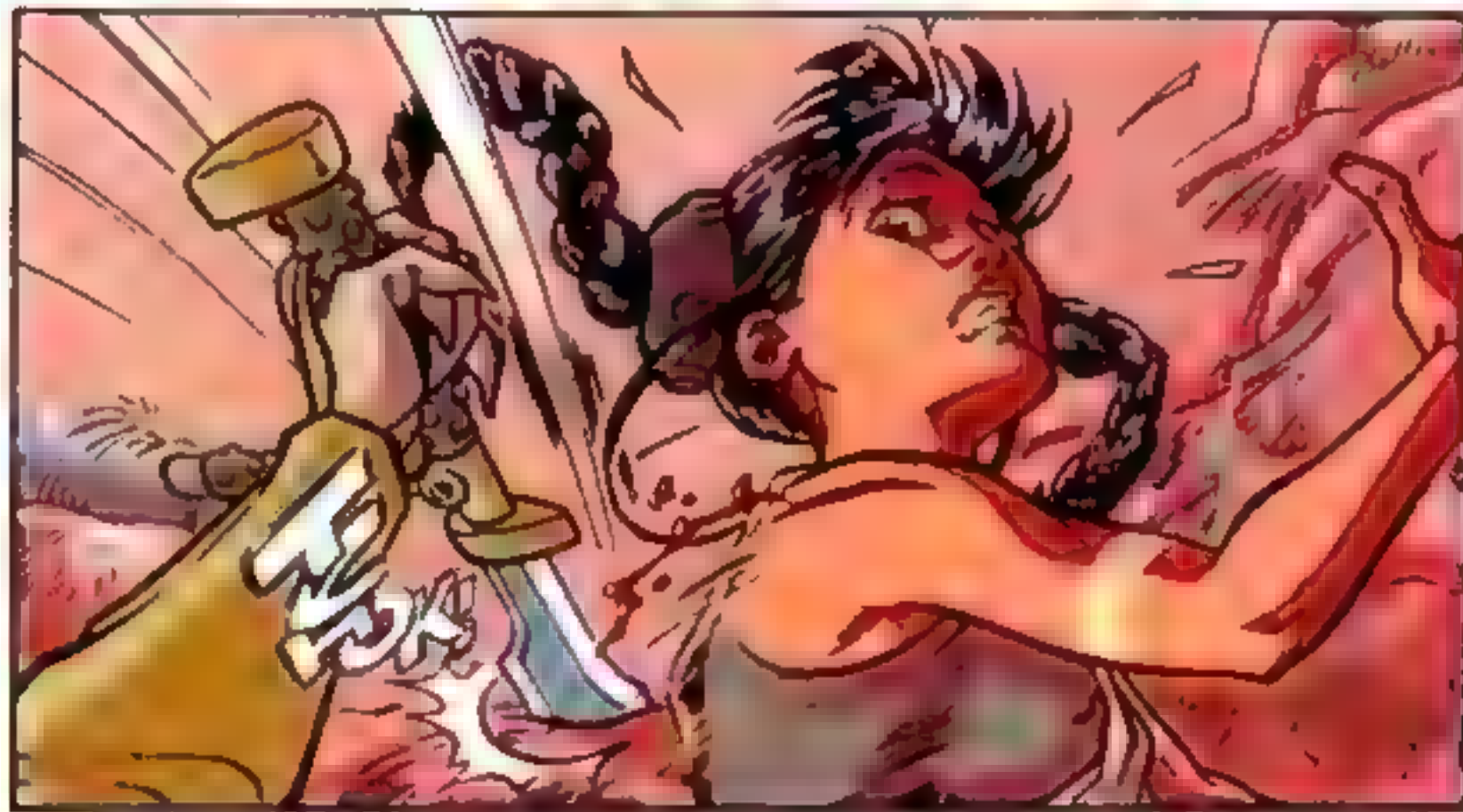
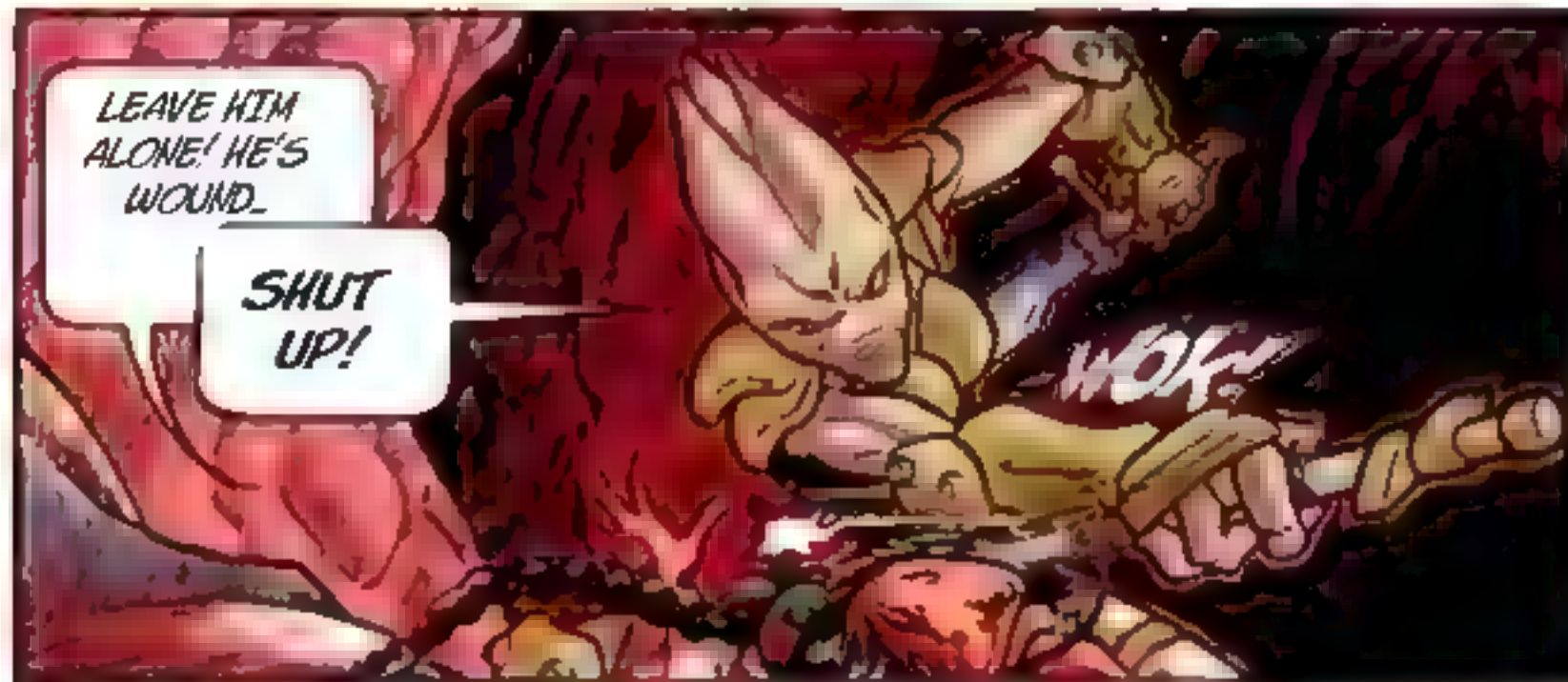
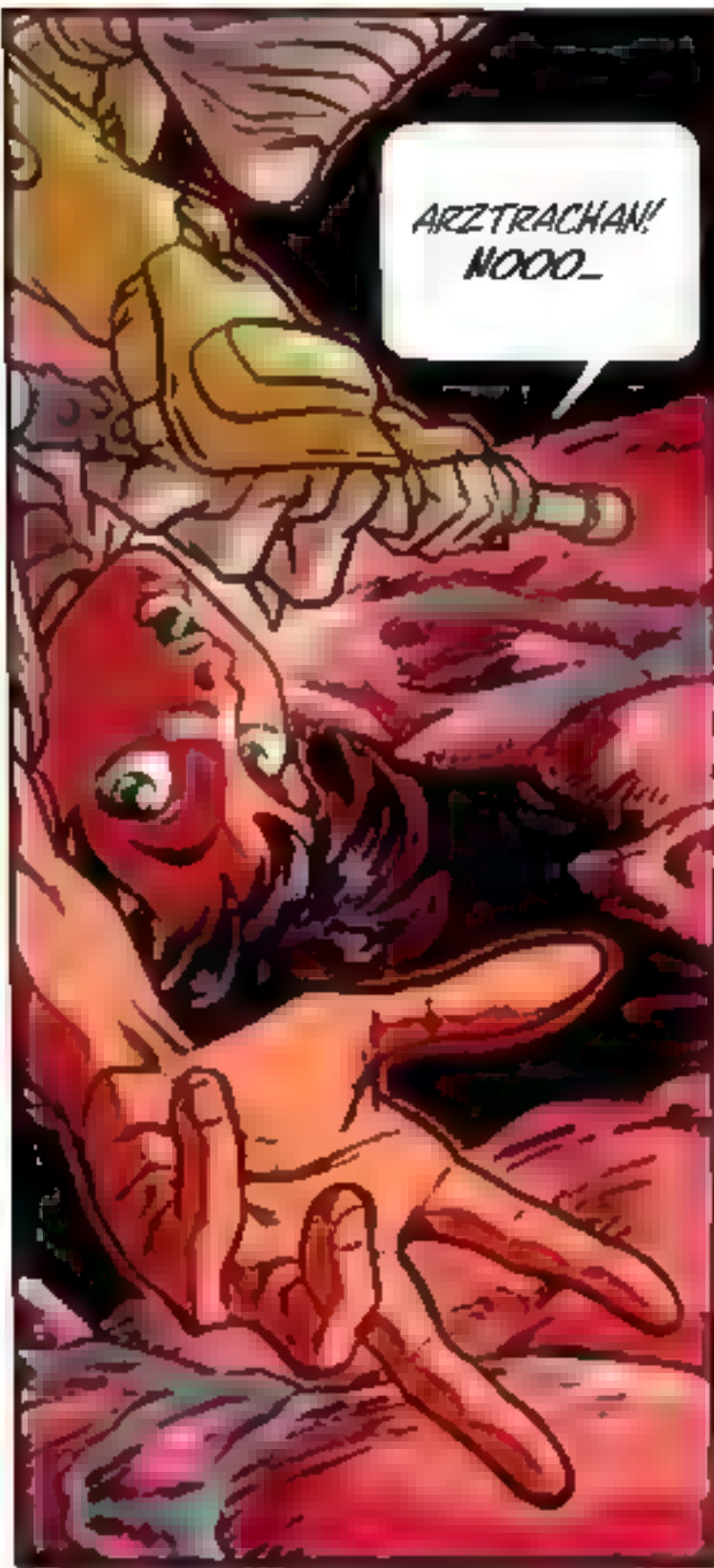
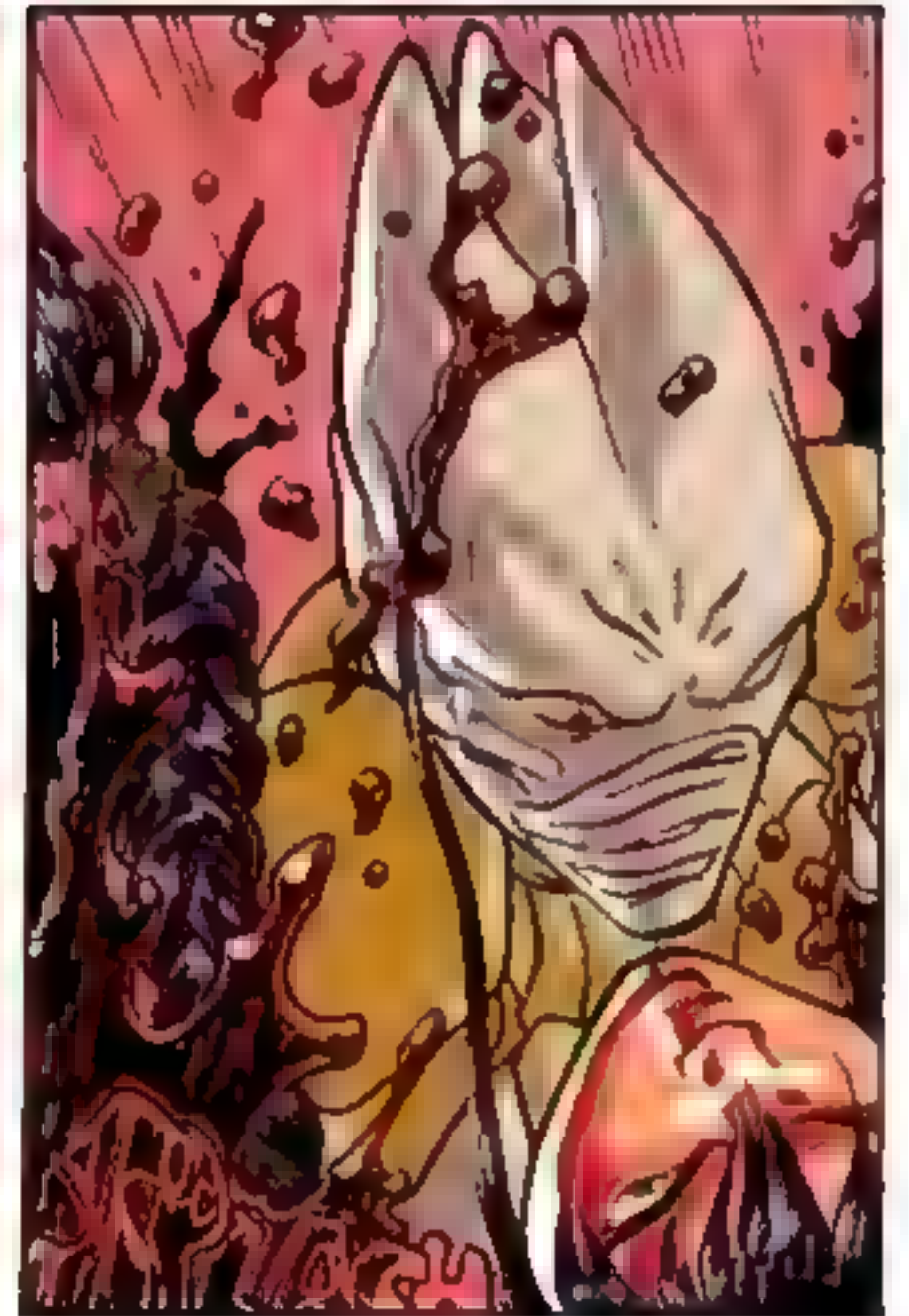
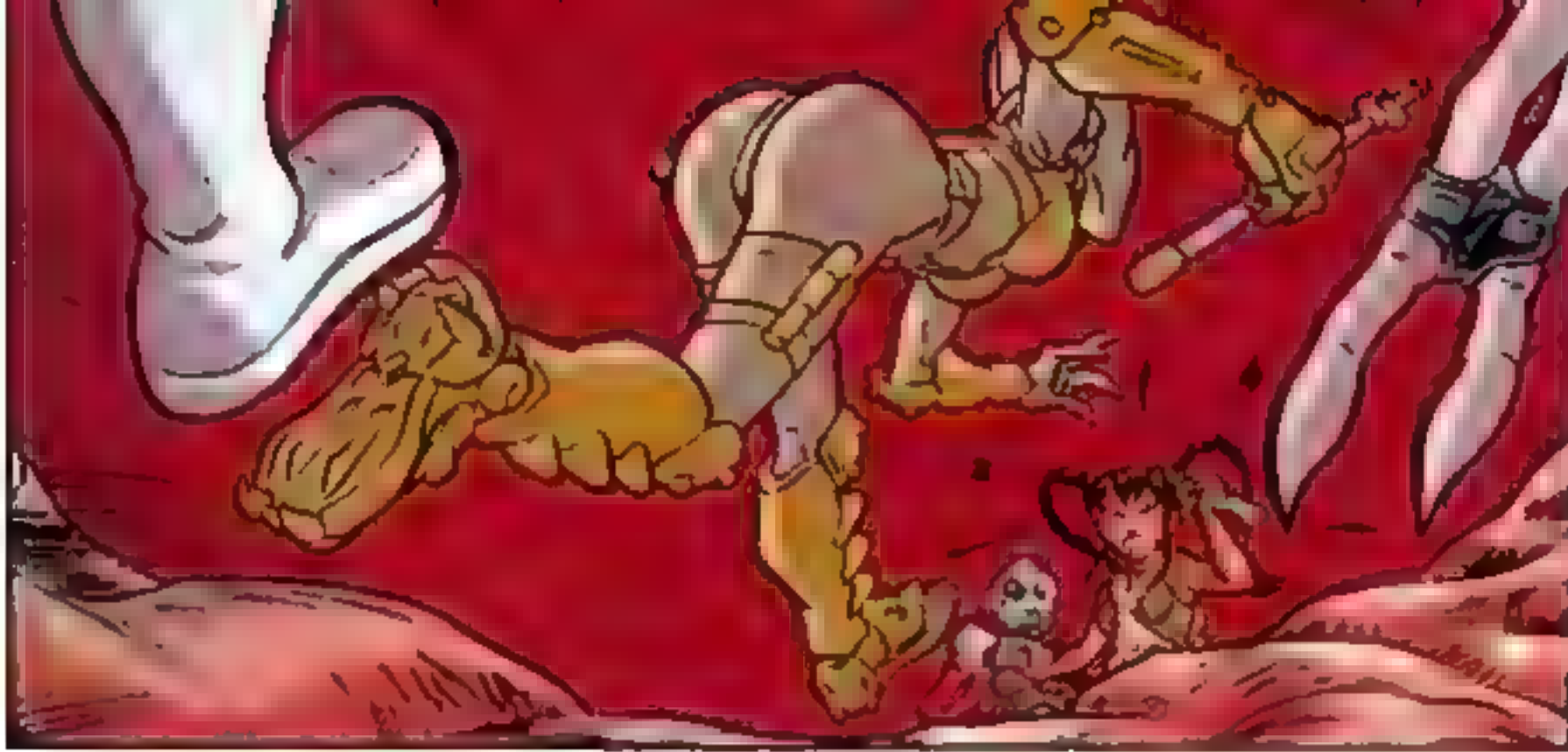
IF WE FIND
ARZTRACHAN,
WE FIND
NAVIS!

THE PROBLEM IS
THAT IF HE'S FLED
IN A VESSEL WHICH
IS EQUIPPED WITH
THIS TYPE OF
TECHNOLOGY, WE
HAVE NO WAY OF
LOCATING HIM IN
THE CONVOY.

SURELY HE WILL HIDE
HIMSELF ON THE FRINGES
OF THE CONVOY... AND WILL
BE DIFFICULT TO LOCATE.
WAKE'S CIVIL SERVANTS
MAY GIVE ME JUST THE
ADVANTAGE THAT I NEED

IT'S UP TO YOU,
MACKEL LOOS.
I'M GOING TO
SURF THE NET TO
CLEAR UP THIS
MATTER

CONNECTION!



NO, I AM SORRY...
THAT TYPE OF INTERIOR
EQUIPMENT IS NOT
REGISTERED HERE.

THAT SAID, WE
DON'T HAVE THE
TIME TO SEARCH
ALL OF THE RACES

LOOK AROUND ME.
THESE FILES ARE
WAITING TO BE
STORED. WE DON'T
HAVE THE STAFF
WE REQUIRE TO...

YOU DID NOT SPEAK TO ME,
BUT WITH MY LATE FATHER
THE OMNIPOTENT WATCH
OVER HIS SOUL OUR
PERSONNEL IN THE ARCHIVE
IS RELATIVELY SMALL. THE
TASK IS NOT ALWAYS EASY,
HOWEVER, THERE IS VERY
GOOD ORGANISATION.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHEN
I CONTACTED YOU BEFORE...

I UNDERSTAND...
YOUR FATHER SPOKE
OF A MEMROM.

A MEMROM! WHAT AN
EXCELLENT IDEA! MY
LATE-LAMENTED GENITOR
WAS DECIDEDLY AN
EXCEPTIONAL CIVIL
SERVANT

I MUST ADMIT
THAT I DON'T
KNOW WHAT YOU
ARE TALKING
ABOUT COULD
YOU PLEASE
ENLIGHTEN ME?

THE MEMROMS!!

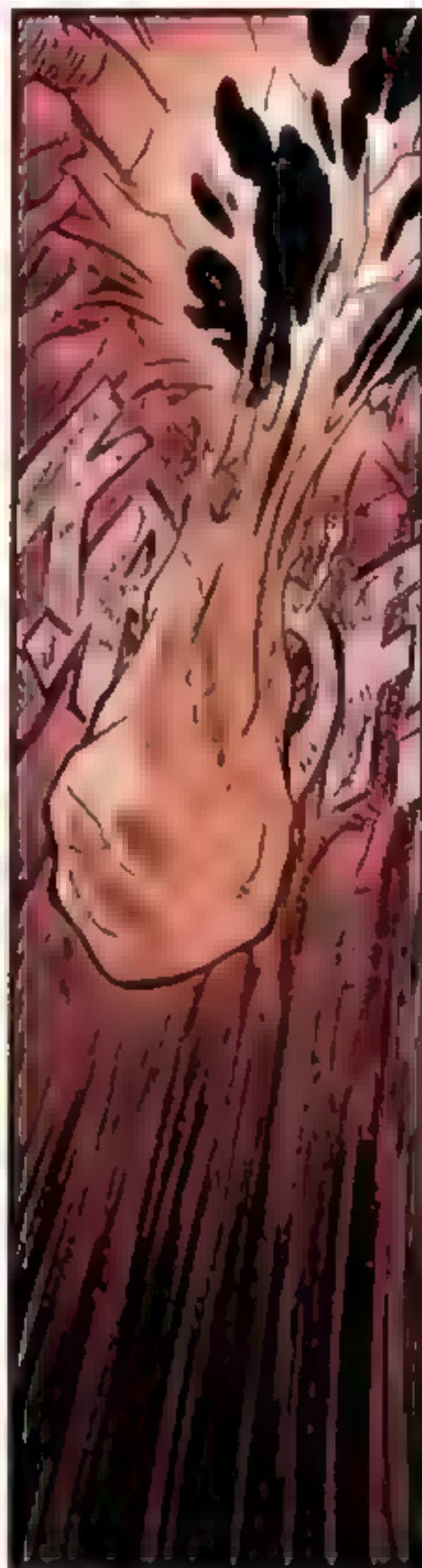
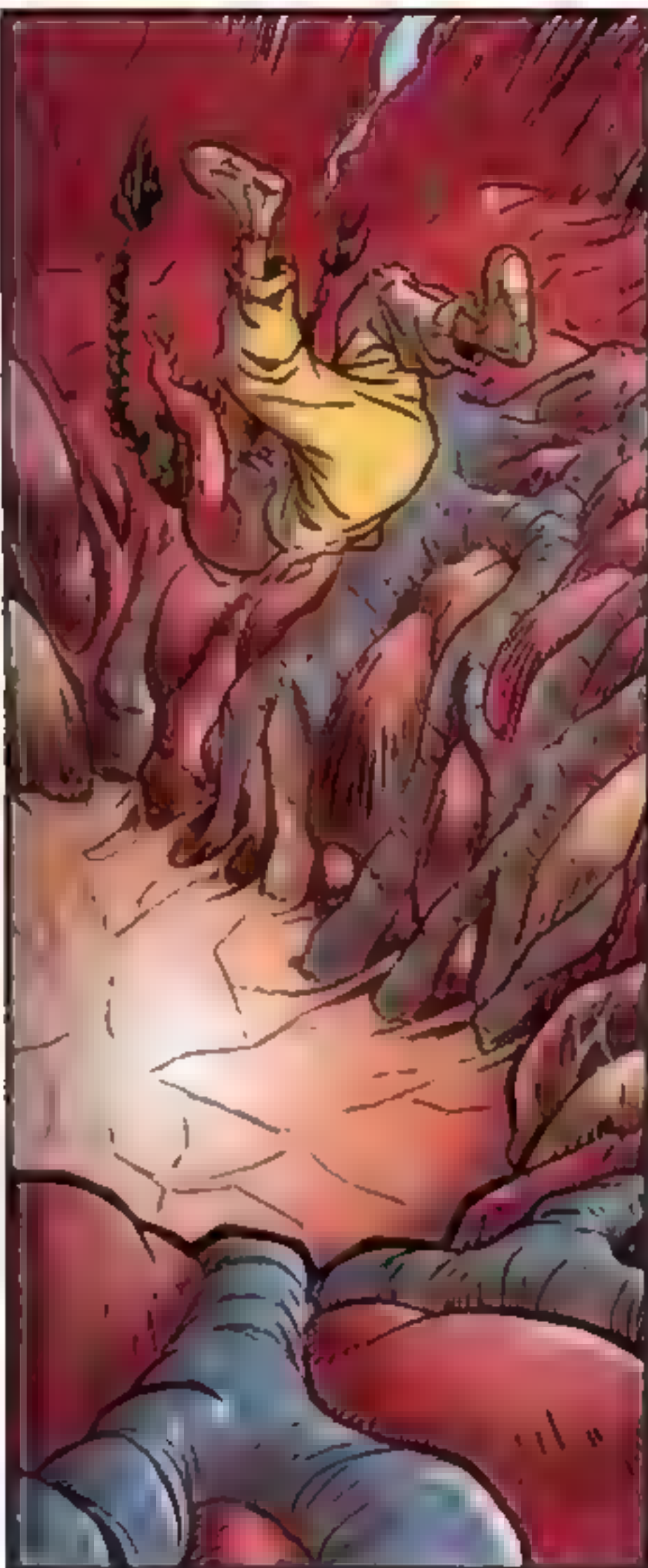
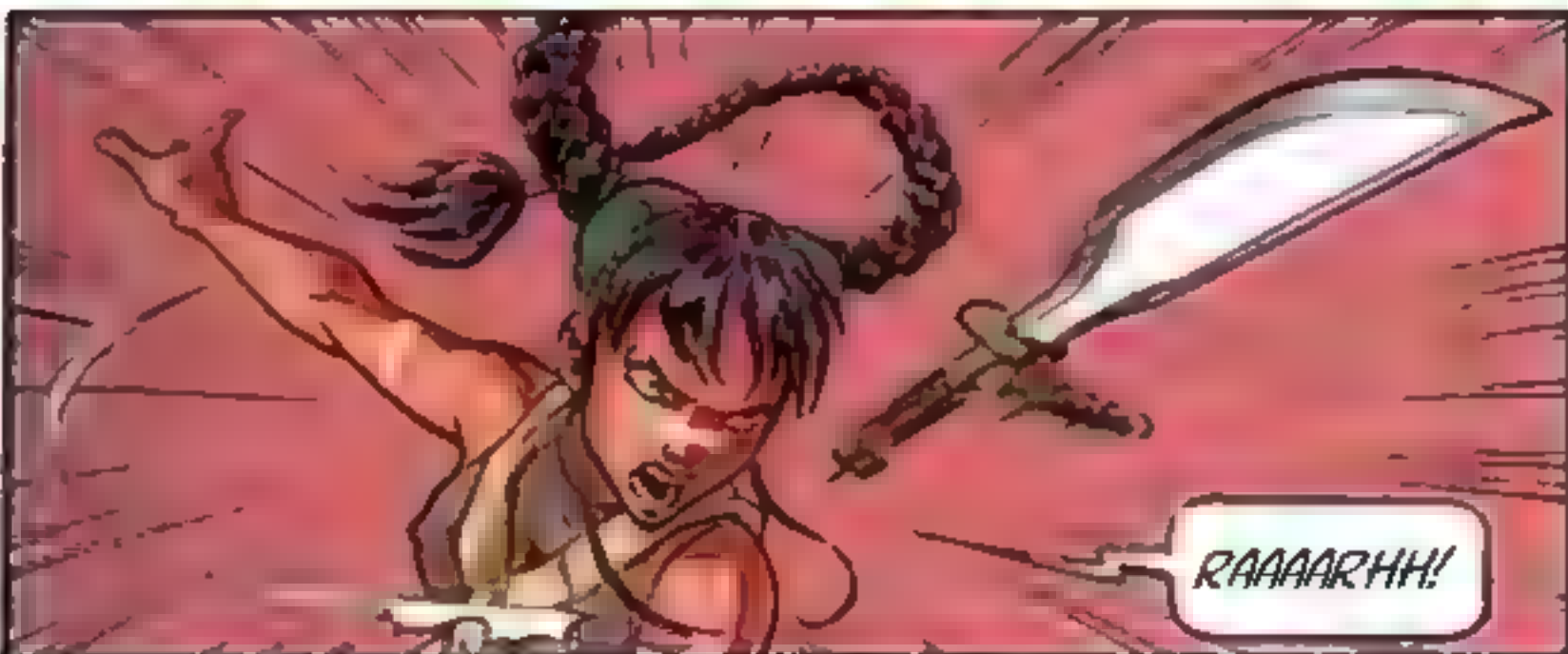
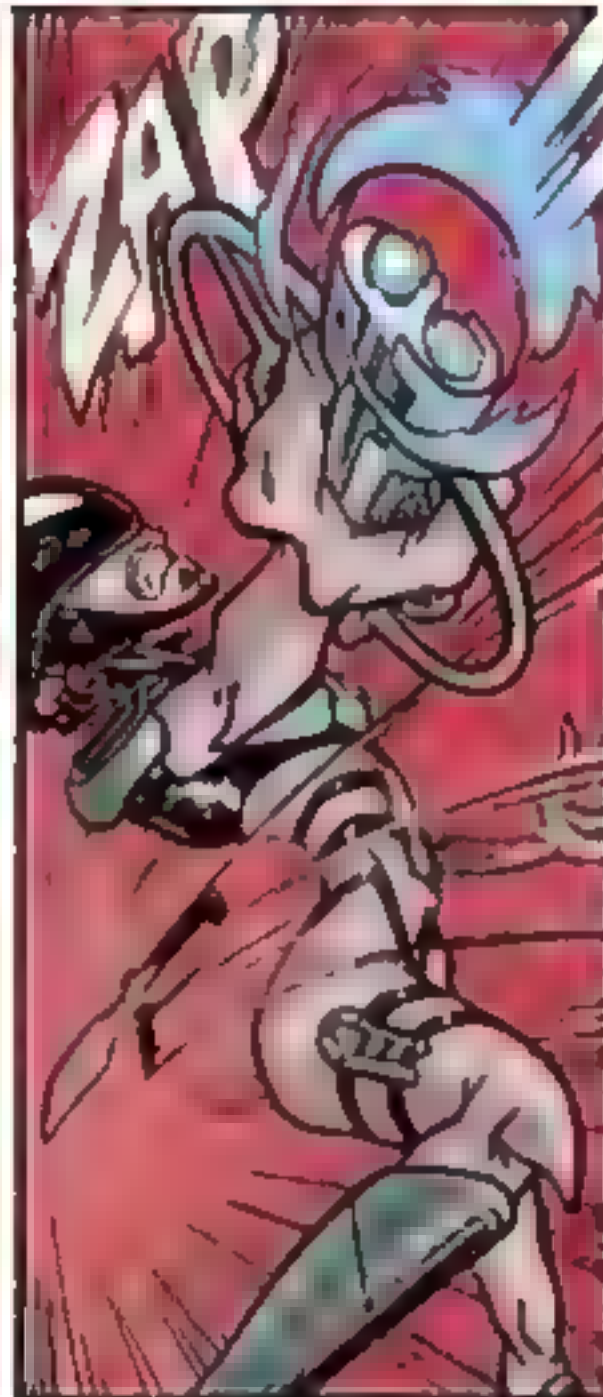
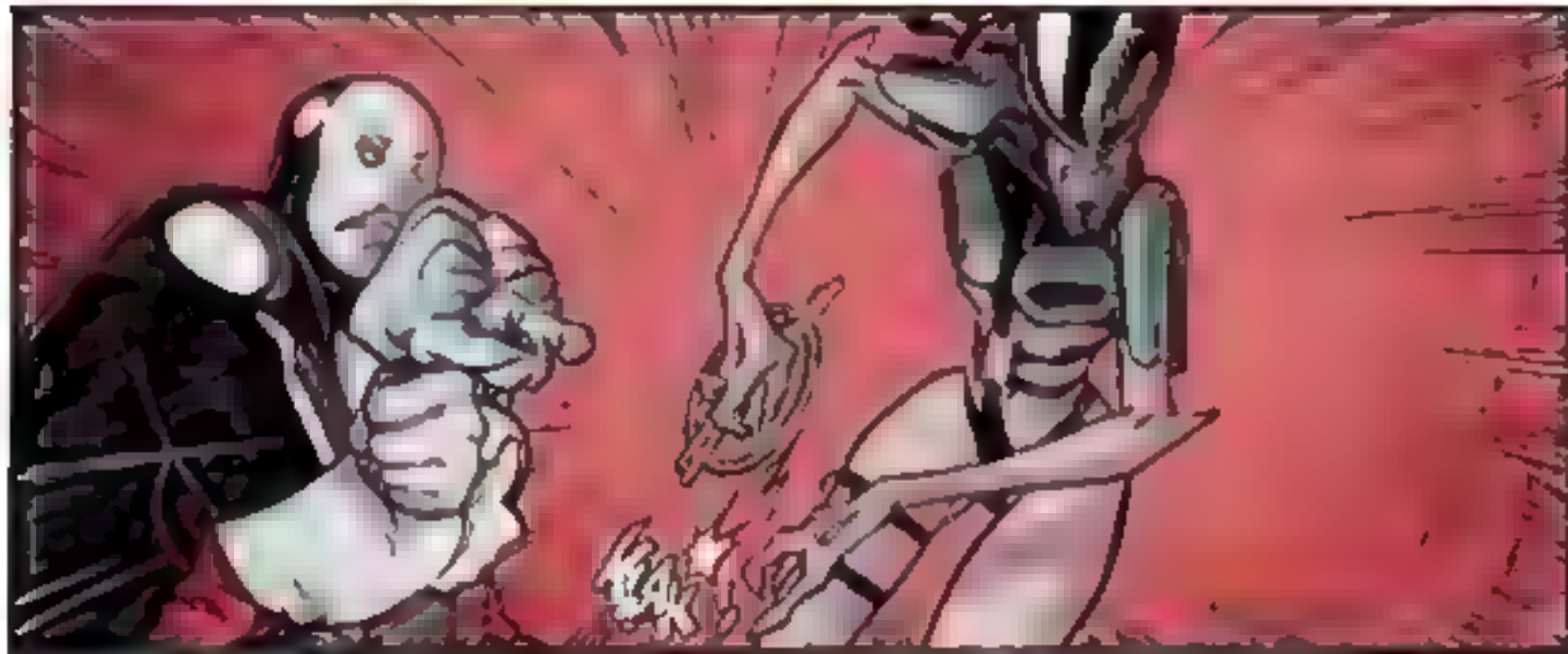
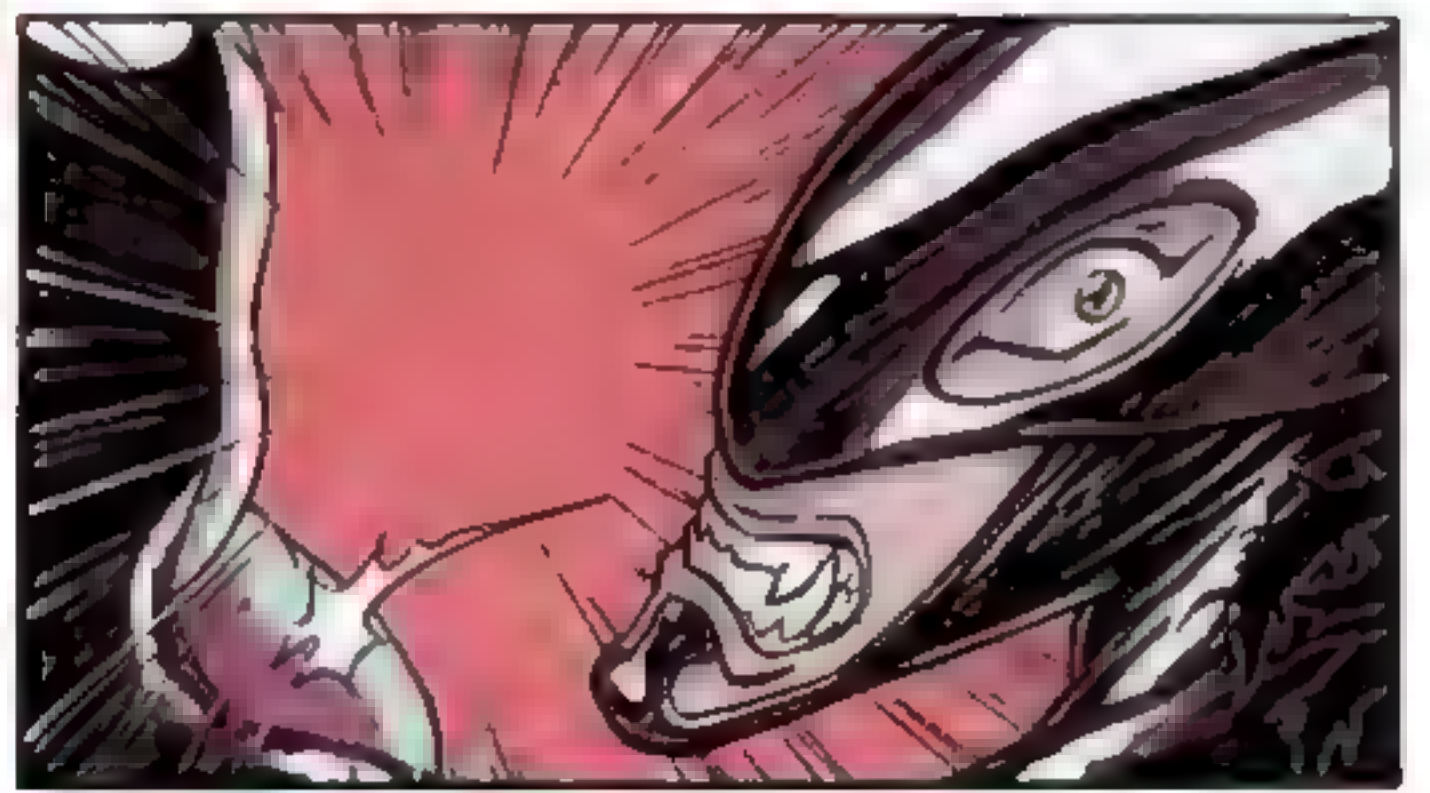
THESE PLACID PACHYDIS ARE
INDISPENSIBLE FOR THE
STORAGE OF THE CONVOY'S
ARCHIVES. EACH CAN MEMORIZE
AN ASTRONOMICAL AMOUNT OF
INFORMATION, AND AS THEY ARE
ALL TELEPATHIC, YOU ONLY HAVE
TO CONSULT ONE TO ACCESS THE
KNOWLEDGE OF ALL OF THEM.

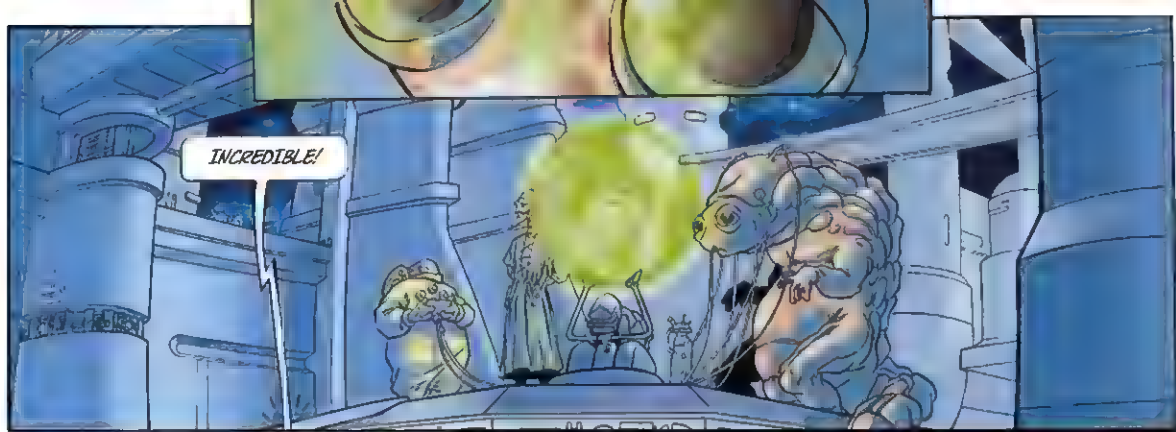
CAN YOU LOAD IT
IN MY SHUTTLE
IMMEDIATELY?

IF YOU WANT, I CAN LEND
YOU ONE WHICH WOULD
SURELY BE ABLE TO REJOIN
ALL THE PARTS OF THE
PLAN FOR YOU, AND GIVE
YOU A GLOBAL PICTURE
OF IT. WHAT DO YOU SAY
TO THAT?

NO PROBLEM. I
HAVE TO ASK YOU
TO WAIT IN MY
OFFICE FOR A
MOMENT

AND FILL OUT THE
REQUIRED FORMS. YOU
KNOW HOW IT IS...





INCREDIBLE!

MACKEL LOOS!
YOU'LL NEVER GUESS
WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED
IN MY RESEARCH ON
OUR GOOD DOCTOR
AZRTRACHAN!

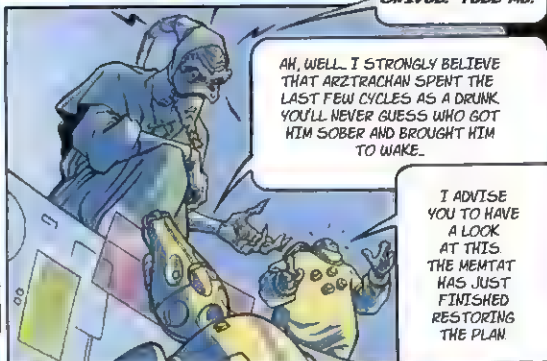


I'M LISTENING
TO YOU.



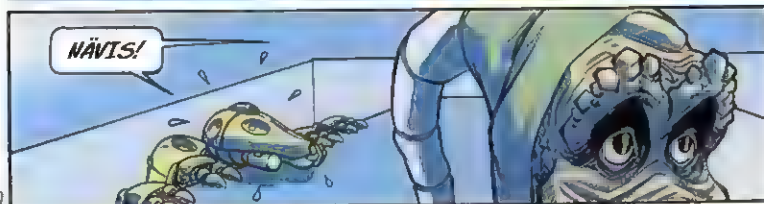
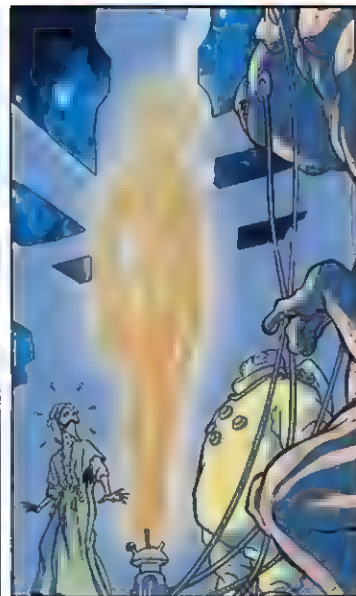
LIKE YOU AND ME,
AZRTRACHAN RECEIVED
A SALARY FROM WAKE,
BUT THERE IS ONE OTHER
THING WHICH COULD NOT
ESCAPE SOMEONE AS
NOSEY AS I AM.

STOP BABBLING
SNIVEL! TELL ME!

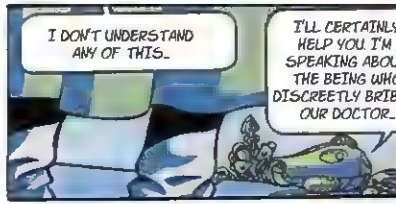


AH, WELL. I STRONGLY BELIEVE
THAT ARZTRACHAN SPENT THE
LAST FEW CYCLES AS A DRUNK.
YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO GOT
HIM SOBER AND BROUGHT HIM
TO WAKE.

I ADVISE
YOU TO HAVE
A LOOK
AT THIS
THE MEMTAT
HAS JUST
FINISHED
RESTORING
THE PLAN

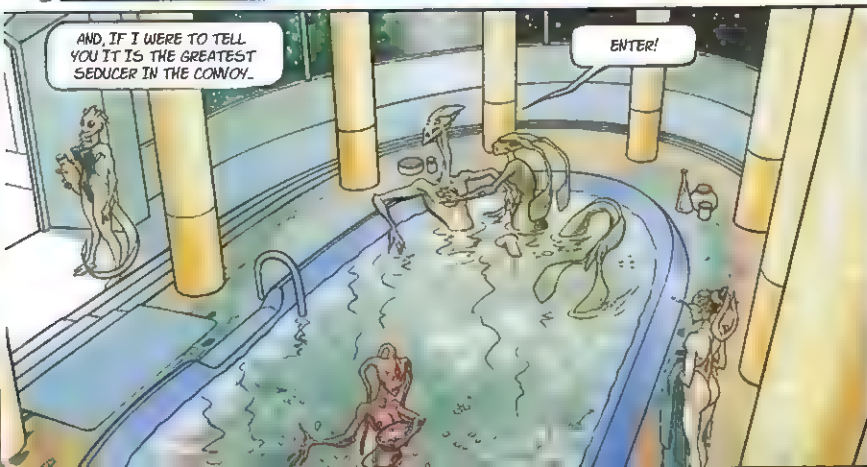


NÁVIS!



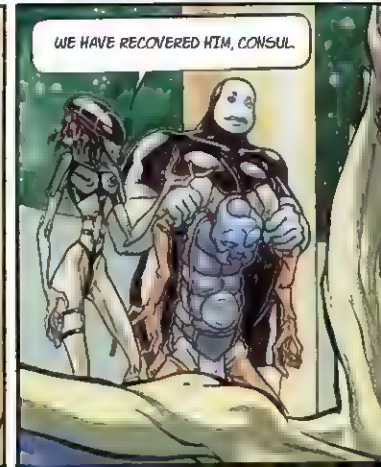
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
ANY OF THIS...

I'LL CERTAINLY
HELP YOU. I'M
SPEAKING ABOUT
THE BEING WHO
DISCREETLY BRIBED
OUR DOCTOR.

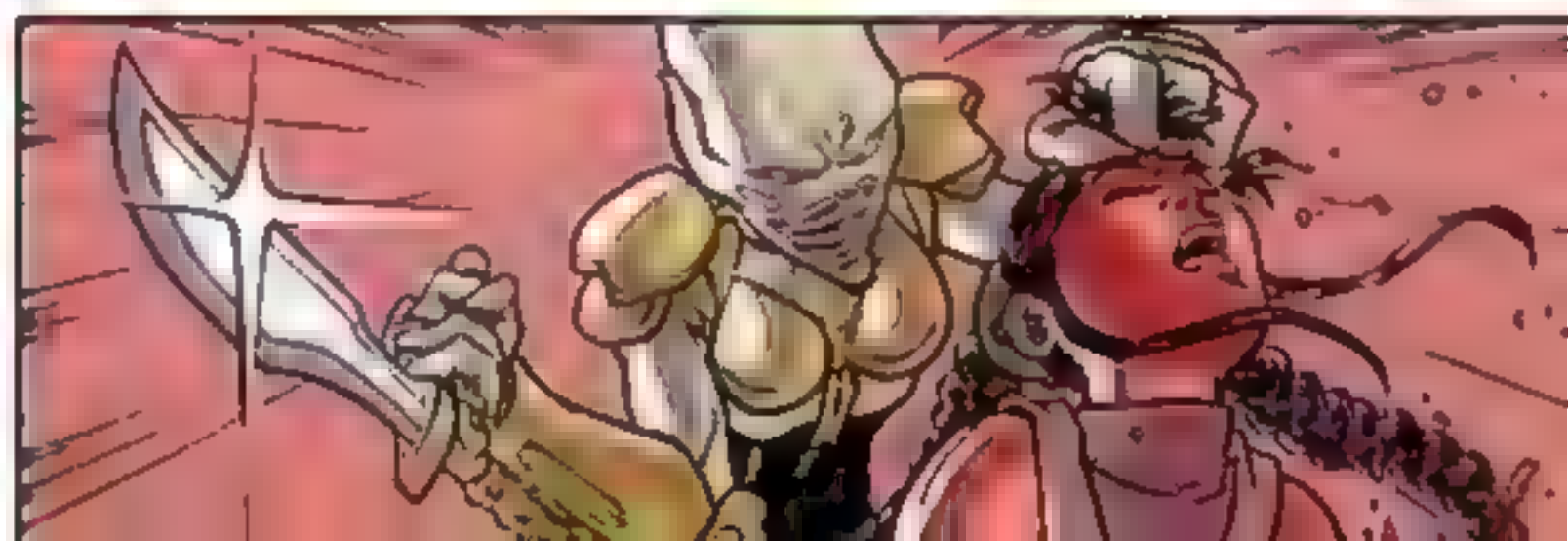
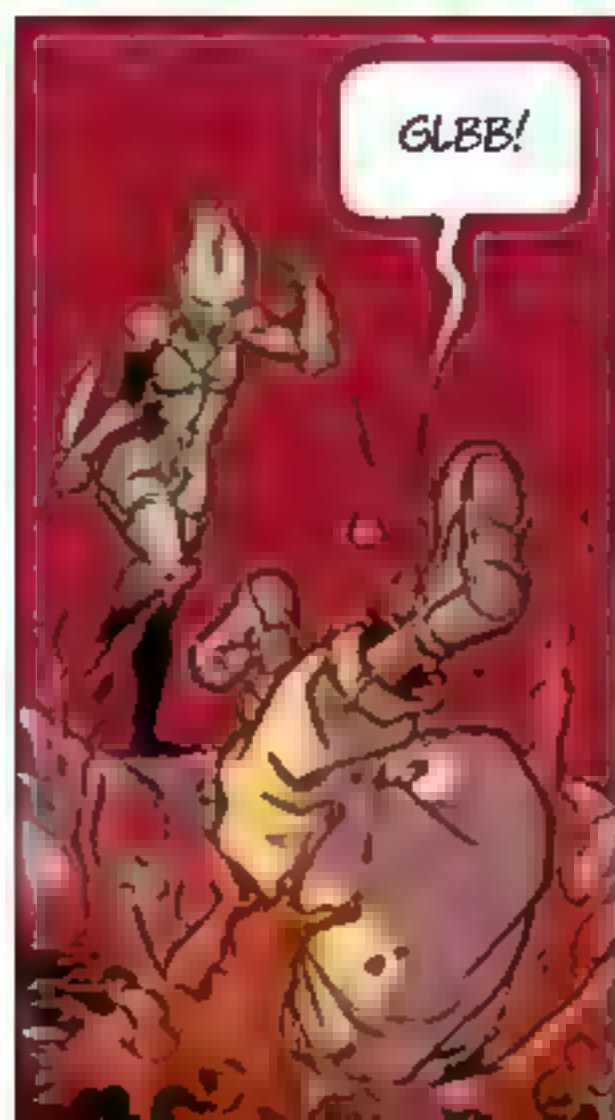
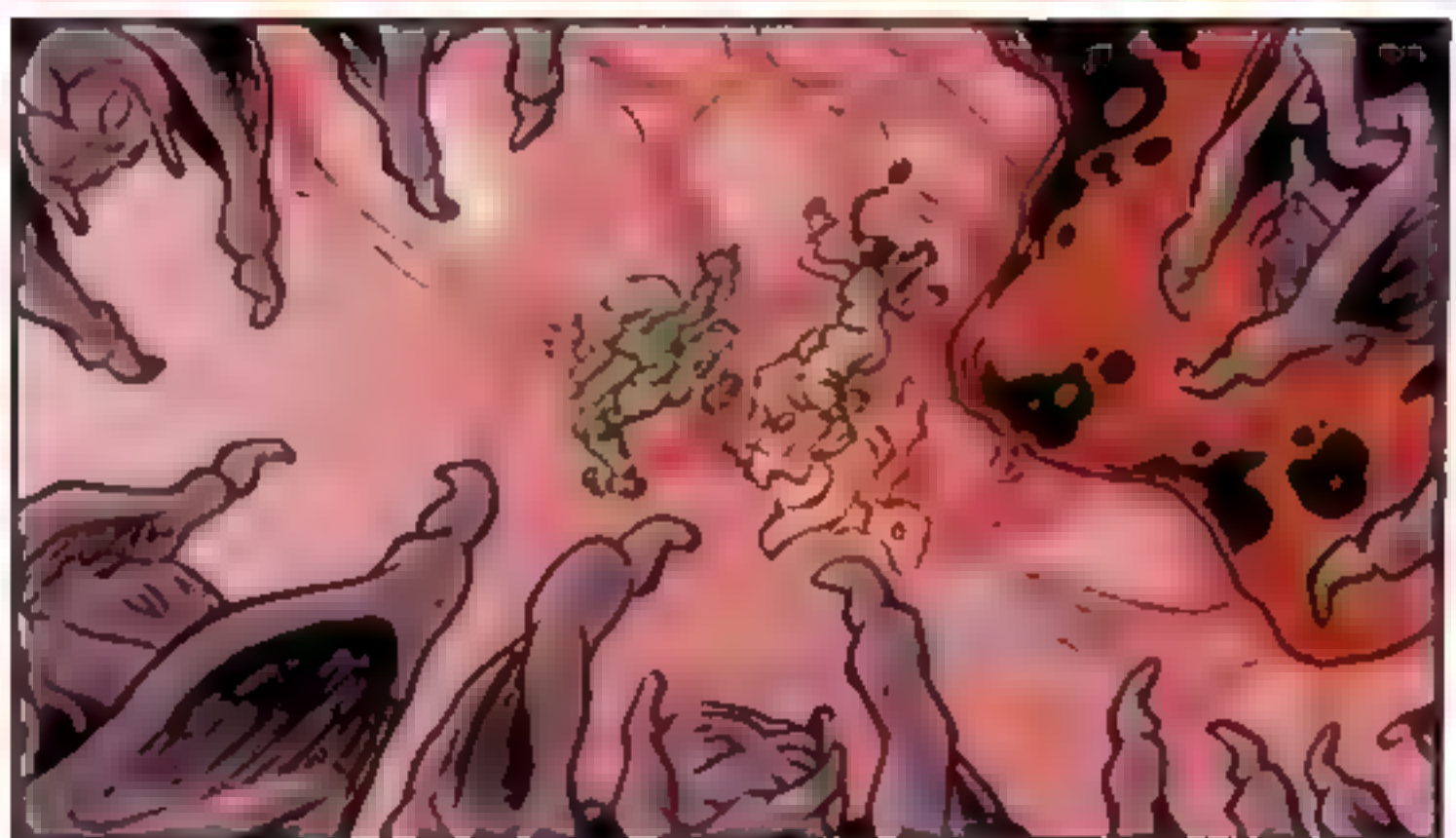
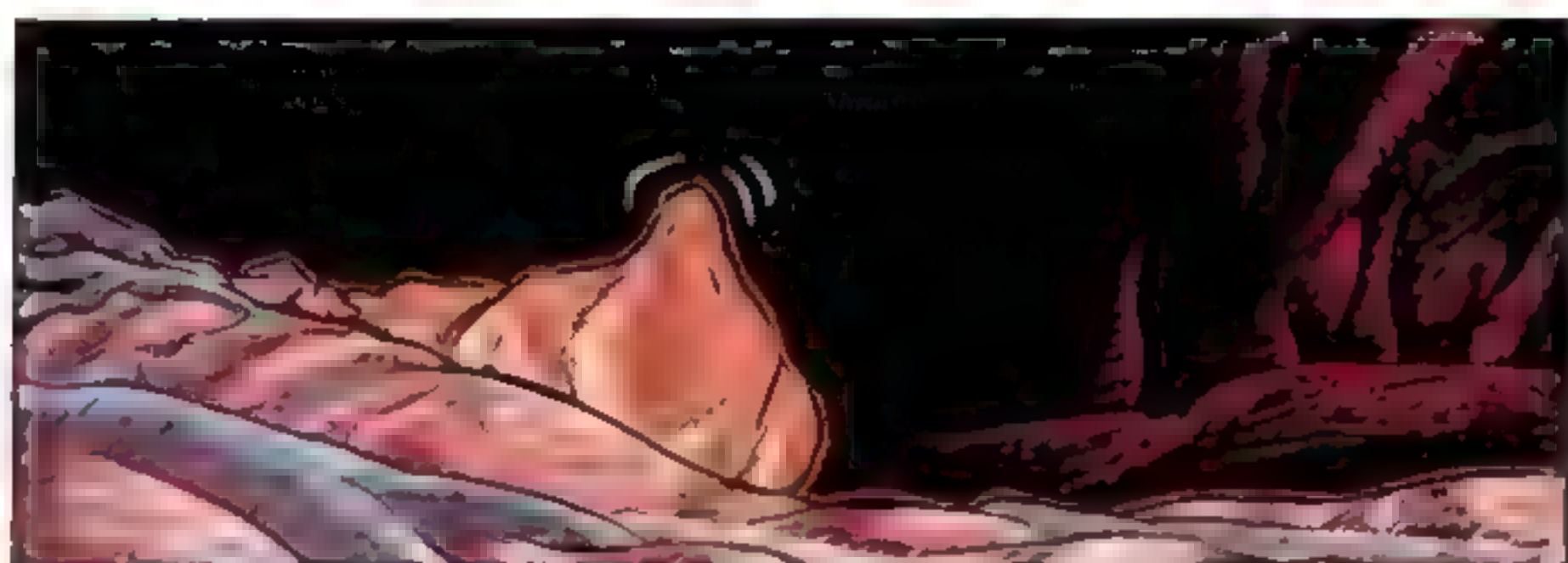


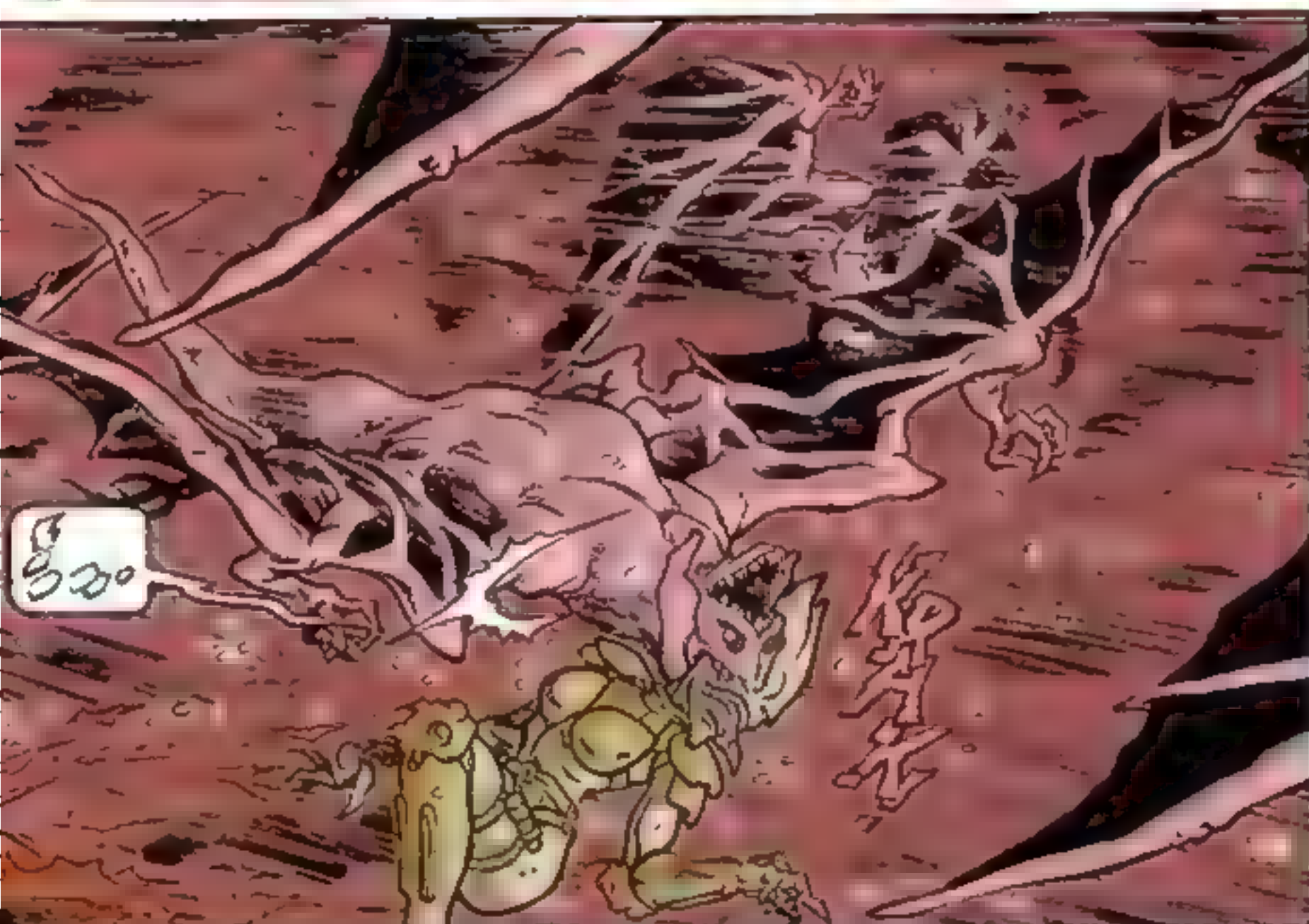
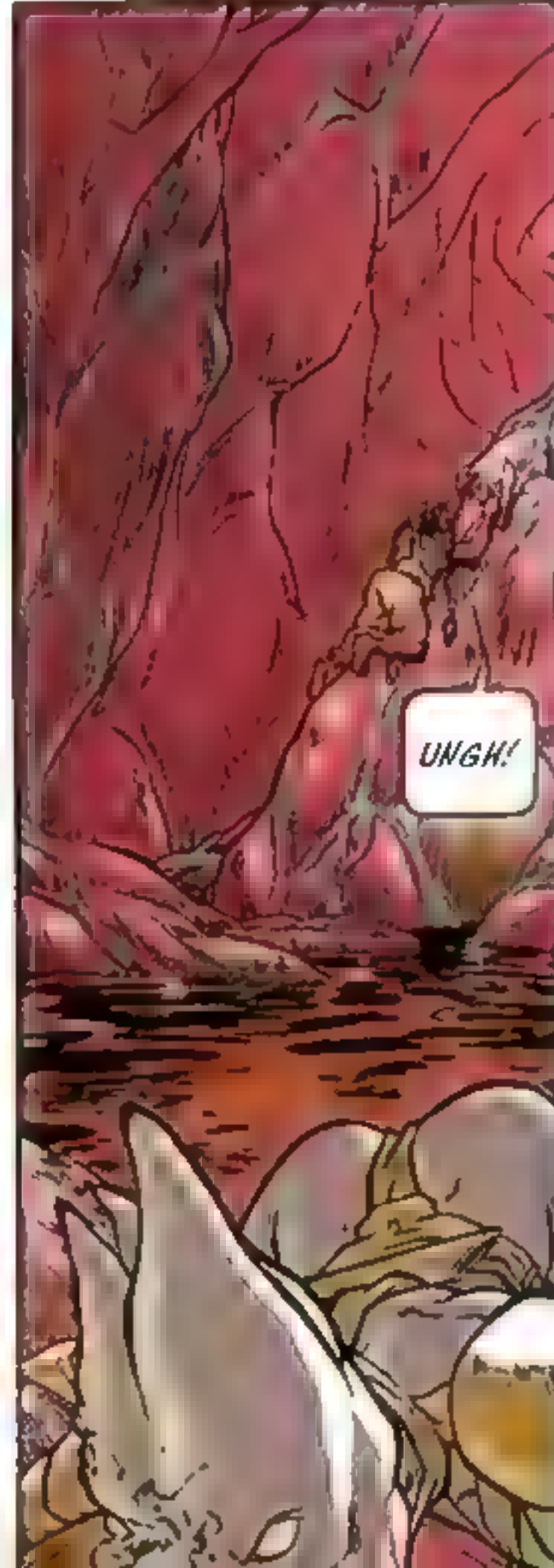
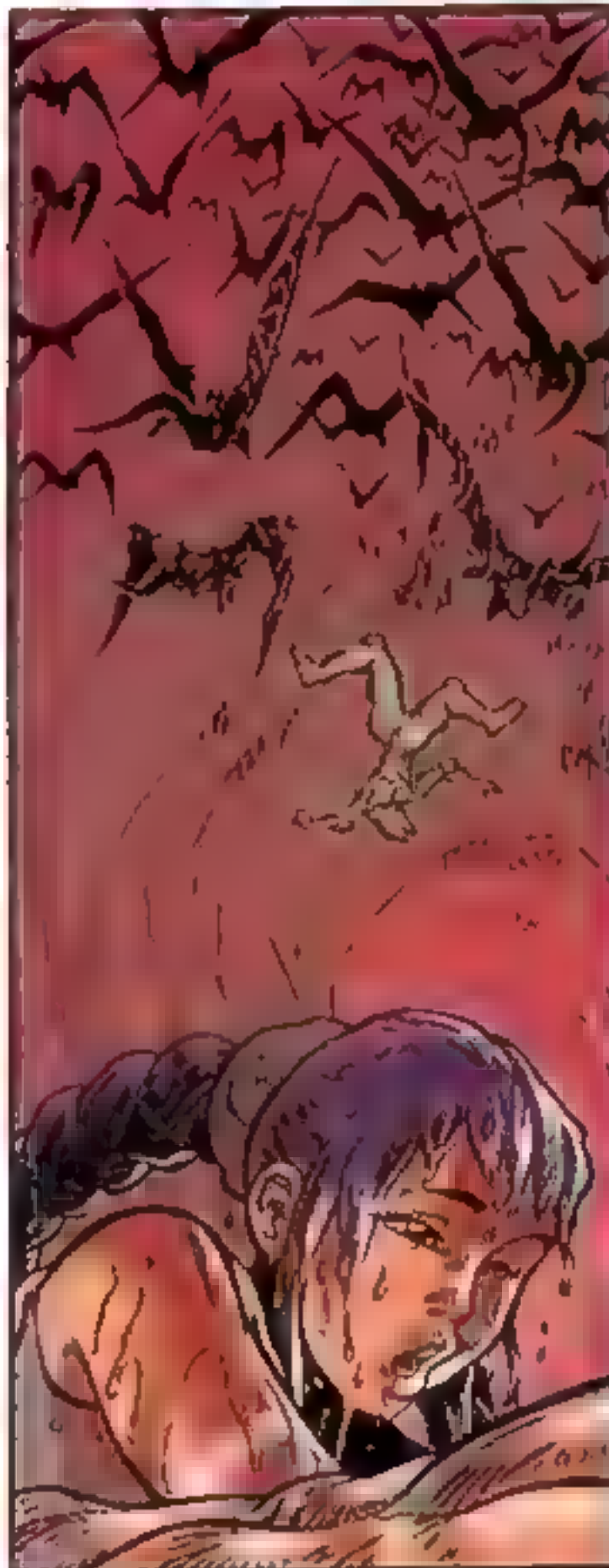
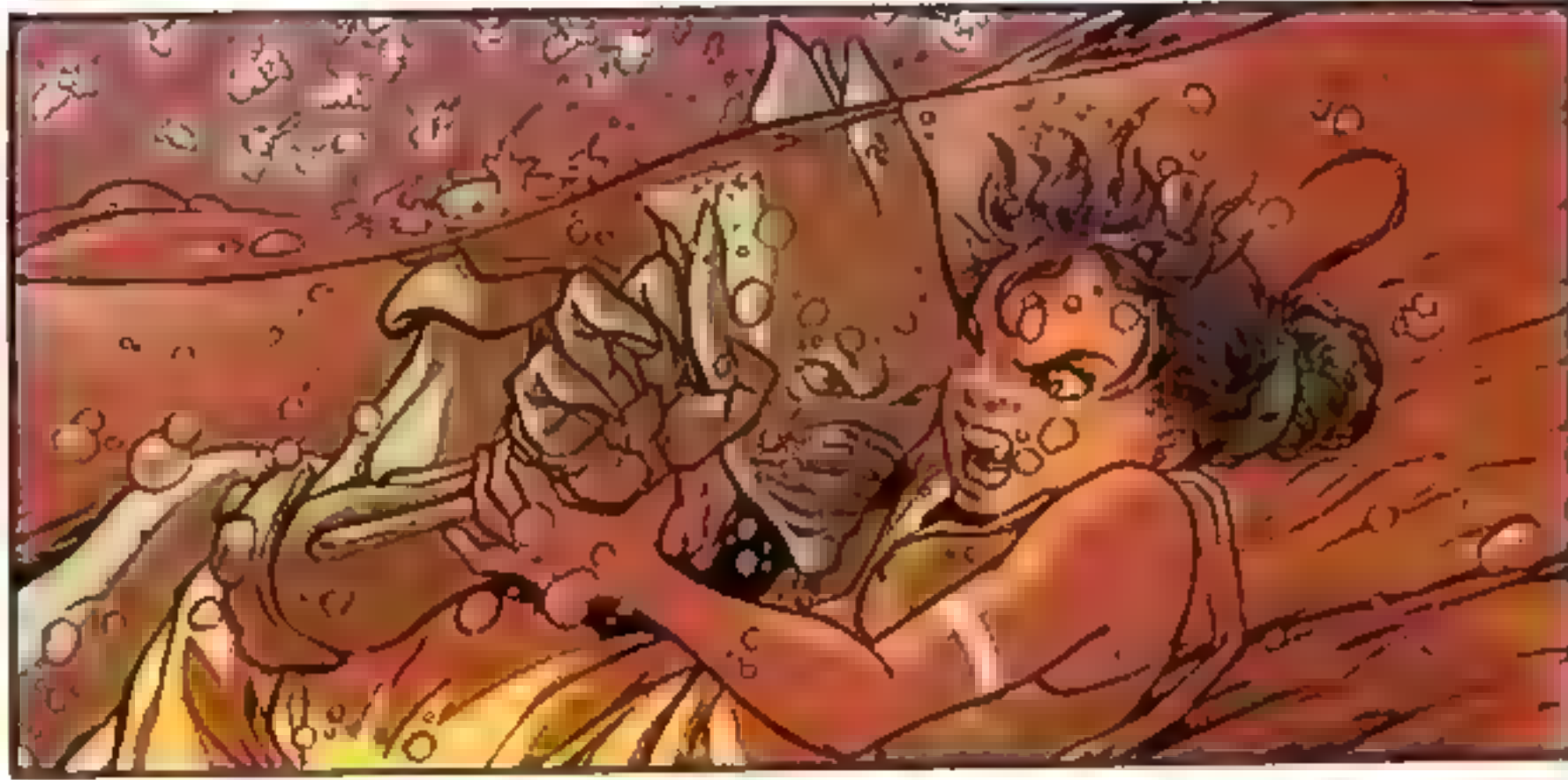
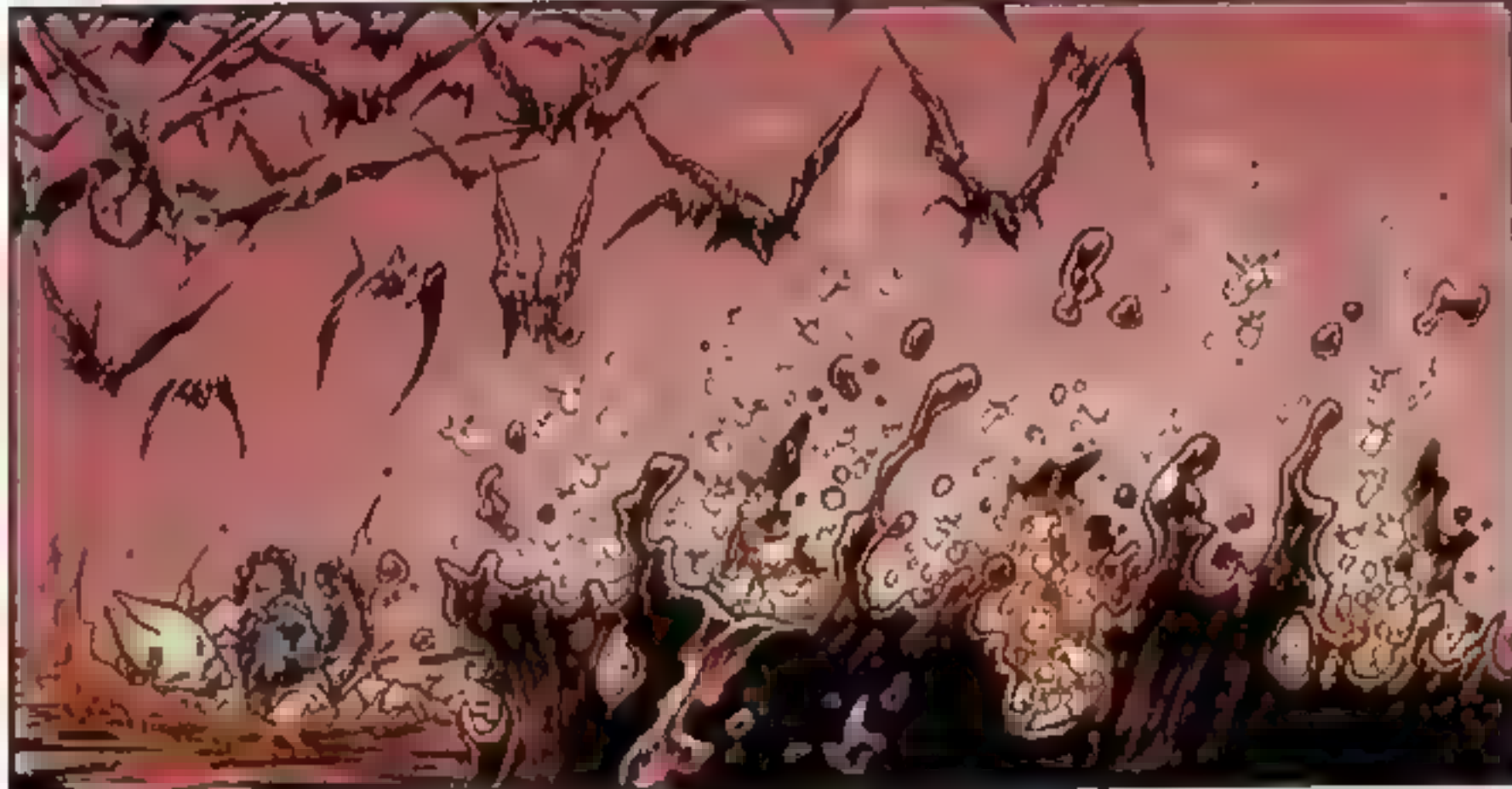
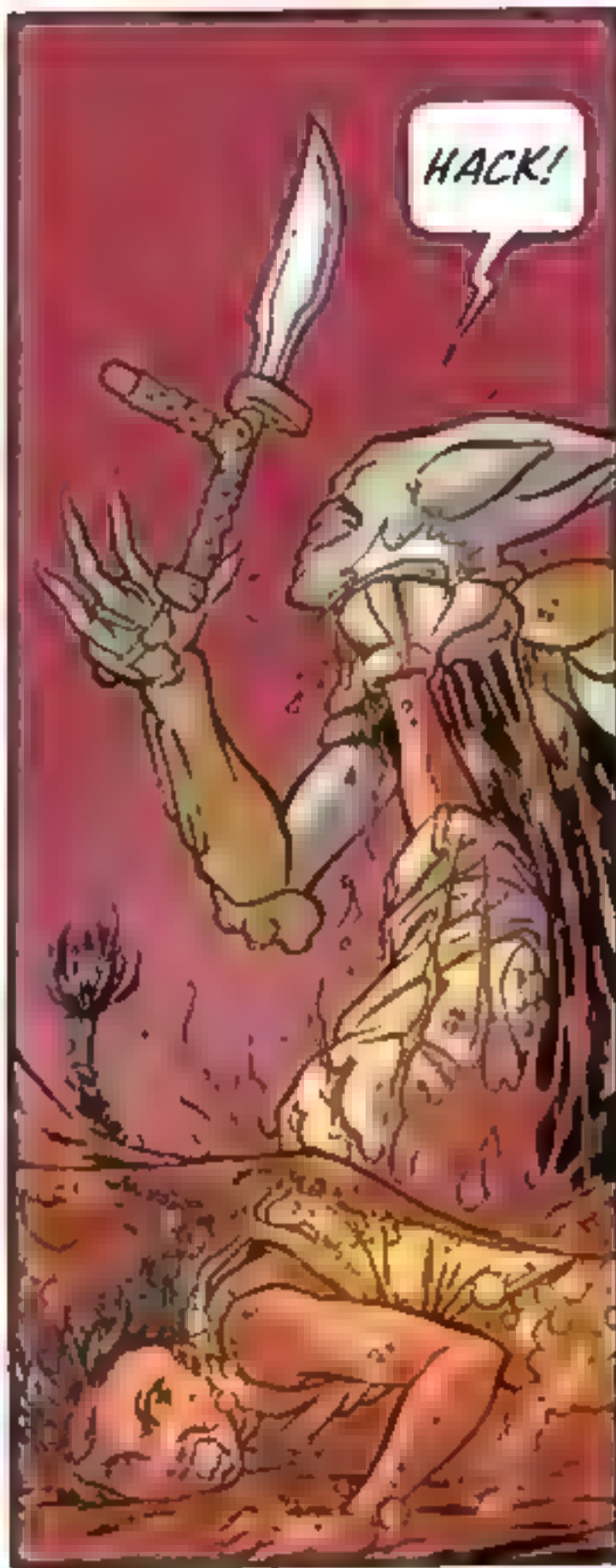
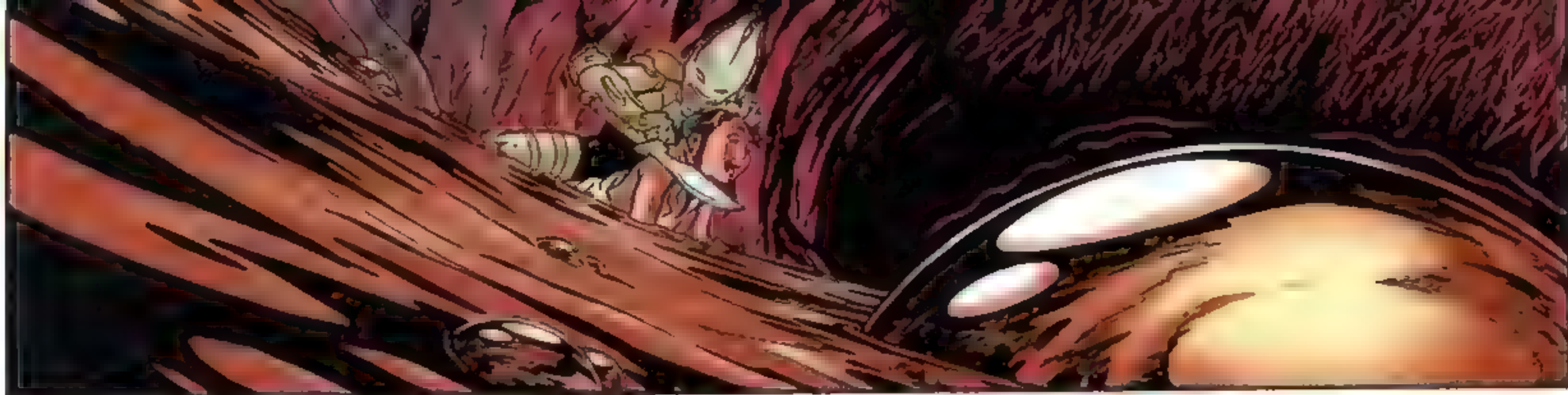
AND, IF I WERE TO TELL
YOU IT IS THE GREATEST
SEDUCER IN THE CONVOY.

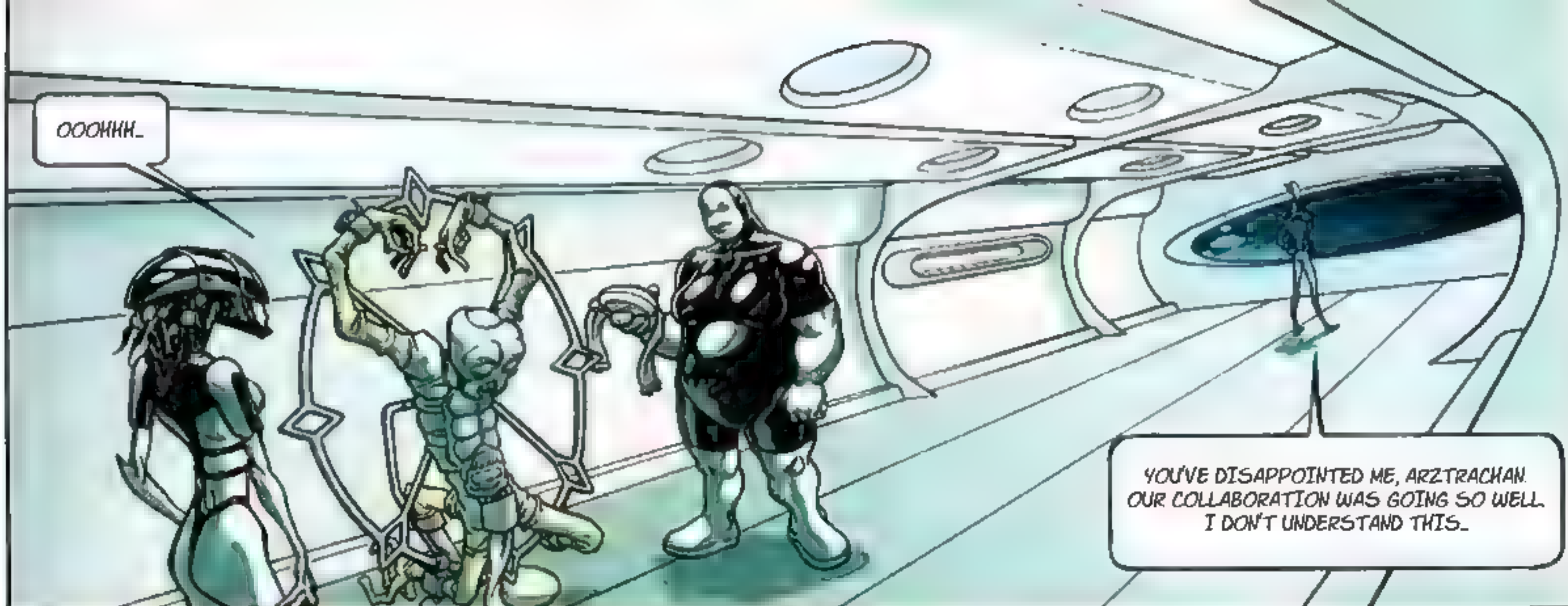
ENTER!



WE HAVE RECOVERED HIM, CONSUL.





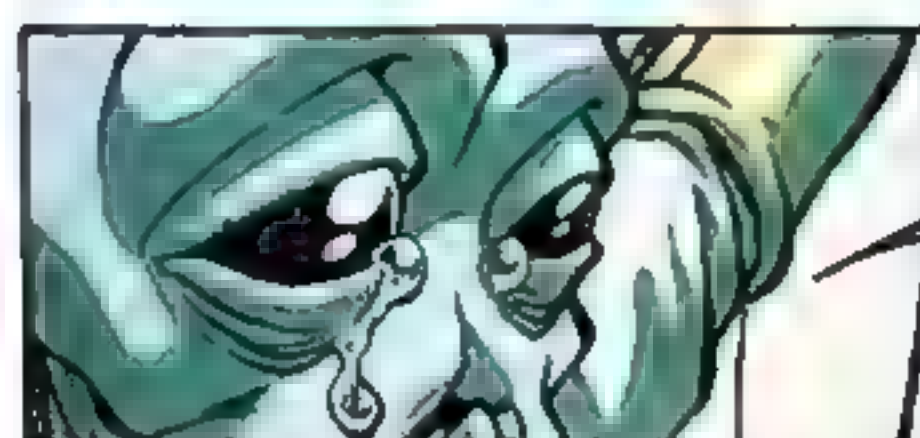
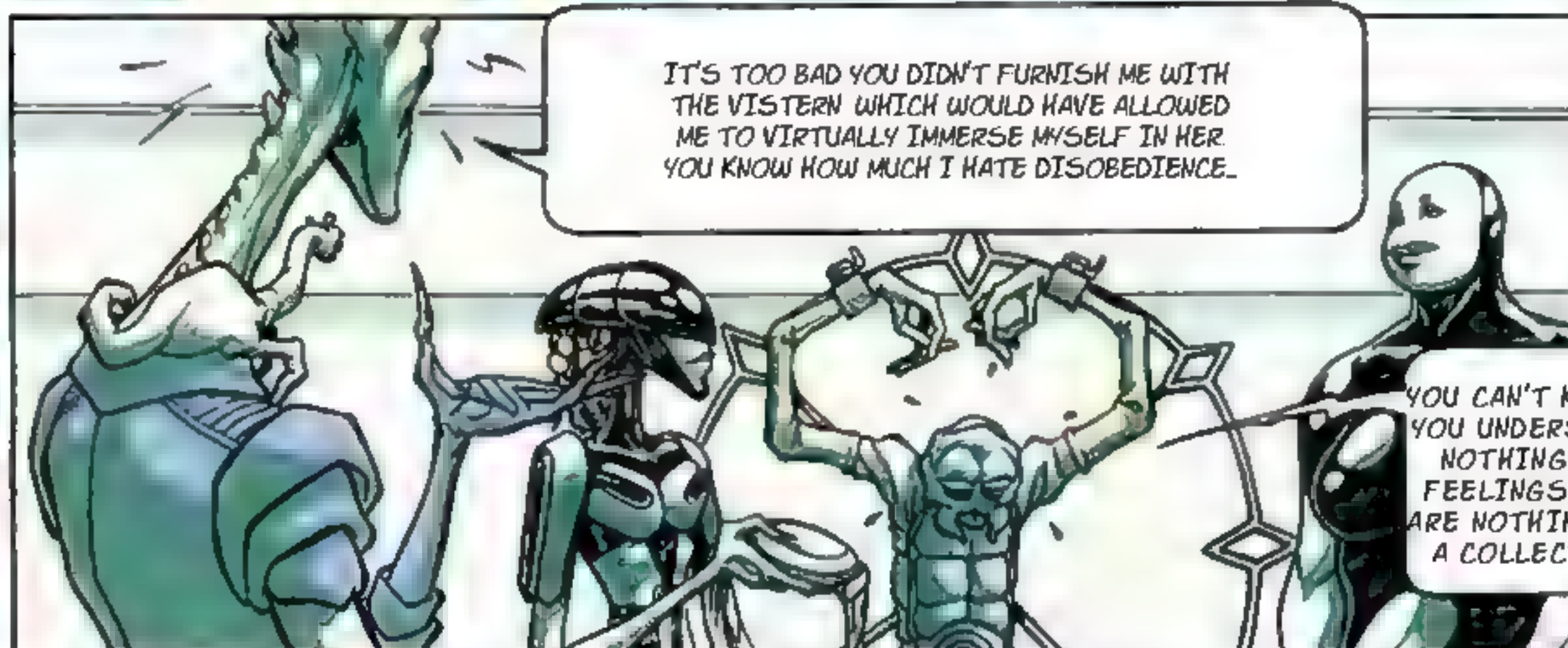


YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME, ARZTRACHAN. OUR COLLABORATION WAS GOING SO WELL. I DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS.



IT'S A LITTLE LATE FOR REMORSE, ISN'T IT? THIS WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TIME THAT YOU USED YOUR STANDING AS THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DOCTOR, WHICH I OBTAINED FOR YOU, TO INJECT

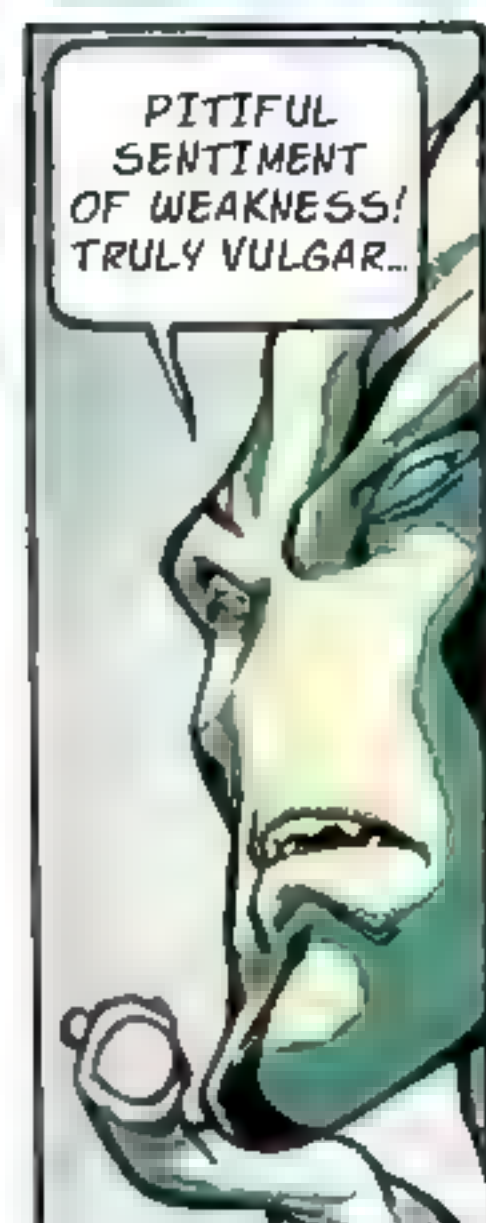
NANO-CAMERAS INTO MY FUTURE CONQUESTS.



NÄVIS! SHE IS UNIQUE TO SCIENCE AND HUMANITY.

HA!
HA!
HA!

SO, YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE! I NEVER THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD!



PITIFUL SENTIMENT OF WEAKNESS! TRULY VULGAR...



ESPECIALLY THAT LITTLE SLUT! SHE REFUSED ME! THAT HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!

BUT IN THE END SHE WILL GIVE IN TO ME THAT'S WHY I MADE THE VISTERN THANKS TO MY PSYCHIC ABILITIES, I NOW KNOW WHERE YOU HAVE HIDDEN IT



RECOVERING IT WILL BE CHILD'S PLAY!

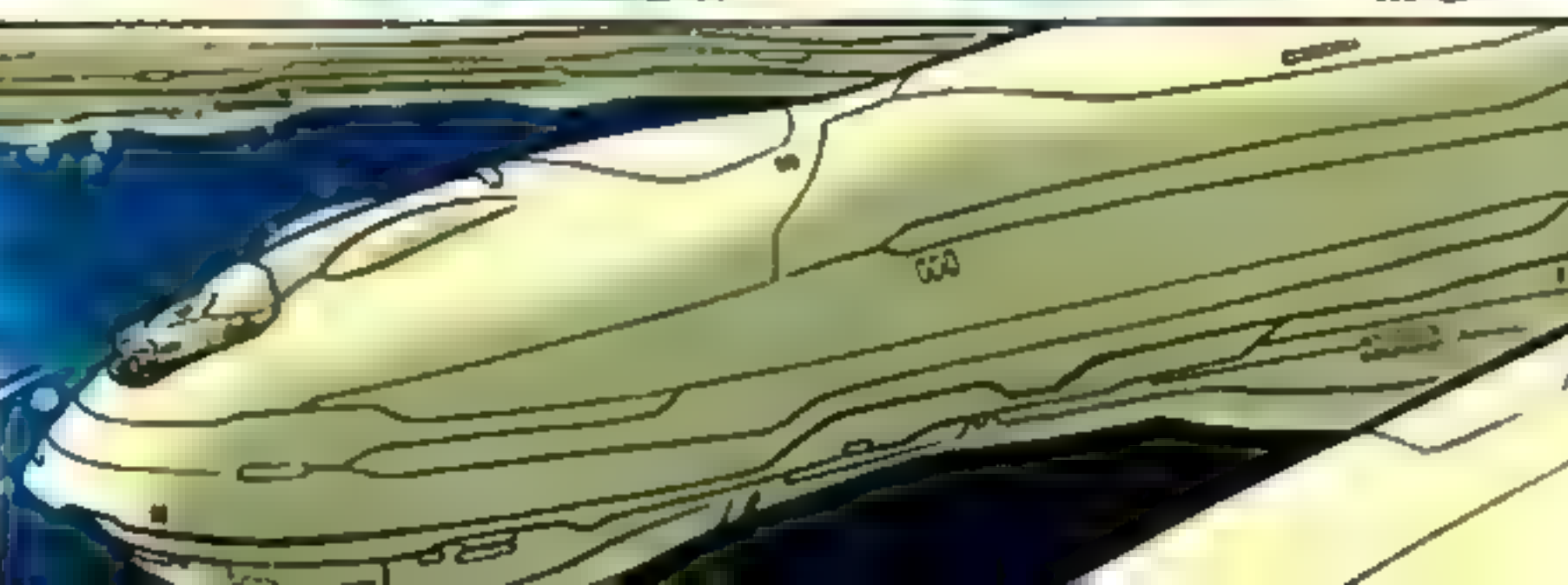
I'LL STOP YOU!

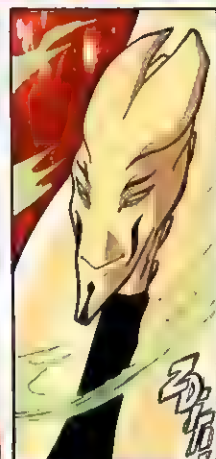
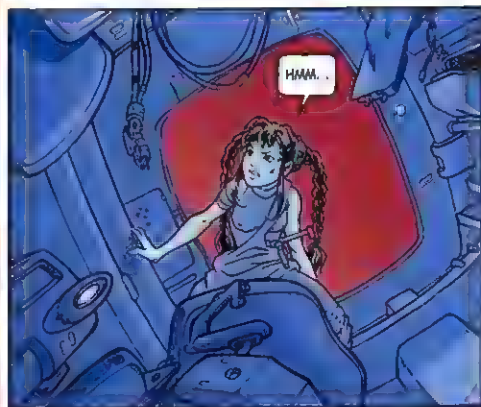
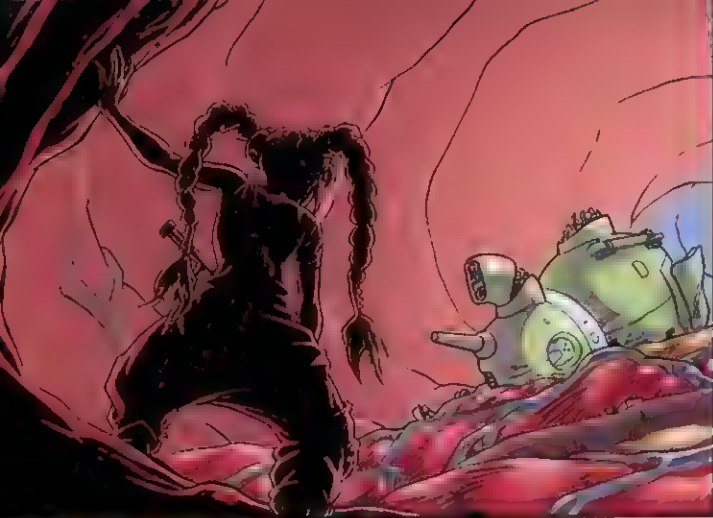


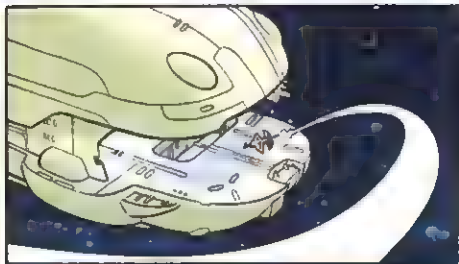
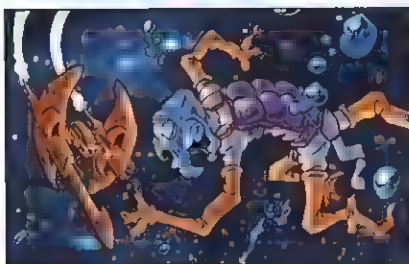
PERMIT ME TO DOUBT YOUR CAPACITY TO STOP ME.



LADIES, IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO PERFECT YOUR SURGICAL TECHNIQUES



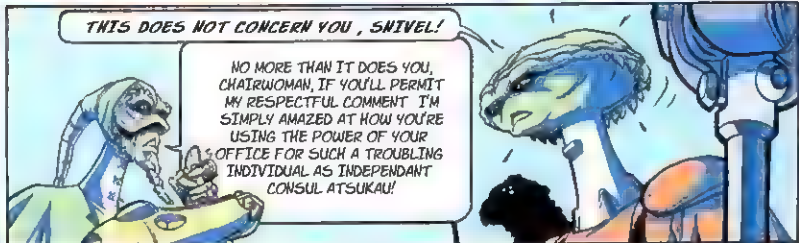




COME, MAKEL LOOS, BE REASONABLE GIVE ME THAT VISTERN

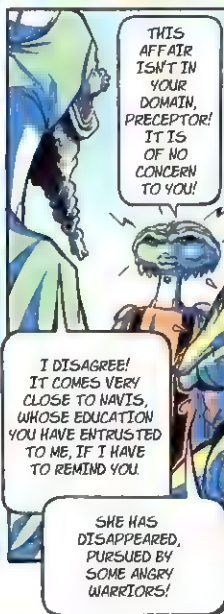


CERTAINLY NOT!



THIS DOES NOT CONCERN YOU, SNIVEL!

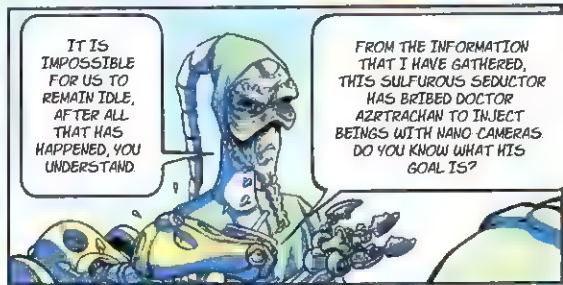
NO MORE THAN IT DOES YOU, CHAIRWOMAN, IF YOU'LL PERMIT MY RESPECTFUL COMMENT I'M SIMPLY AMAZED AT HOW YOU'RE USING THE POWER OF YOUR OFFICE FOR SUCH A TROUBLING INDIVIDUAL AS INDEPENDANT CONSUL ATSUKAU!



THIS AFFAIR ISN'T IN YOUR DOMAIN, PRECEPTOR! IT IS OF NO CONCERN TO YOU!

I DISAGREE! IT COMES VERY CLOSE TO NAVIS, WHOSE EDUCATION YOU HAVE ENTRUSTED TO ME, IF I HAVE TO REMIND YOU.

SHE HAS DISAPPEARED, PURSUED BY SOME ANGRY WARRIORS!



IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO REMAIN IDLE, AFTER ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED, YOU UNDERSTAND

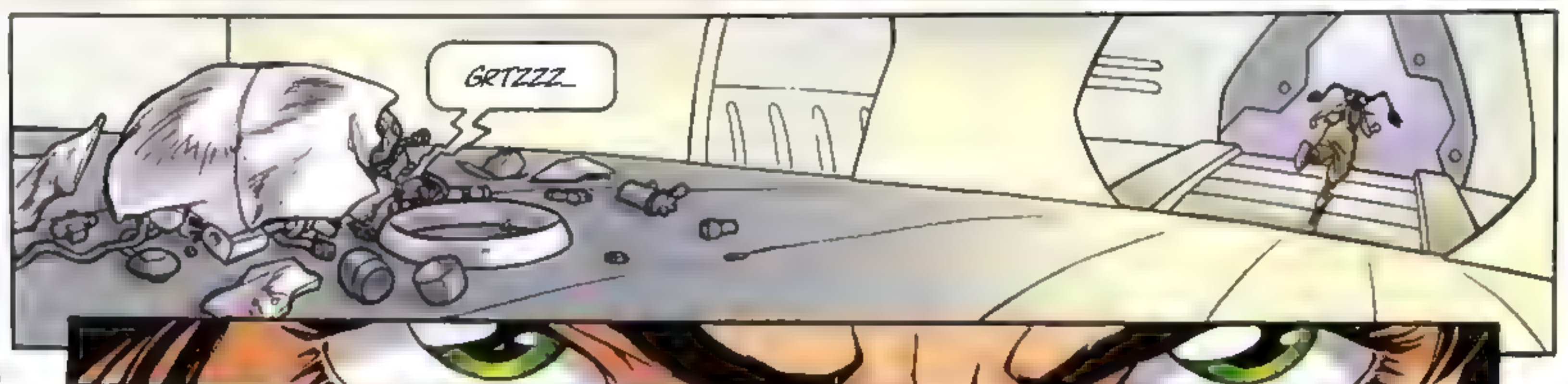
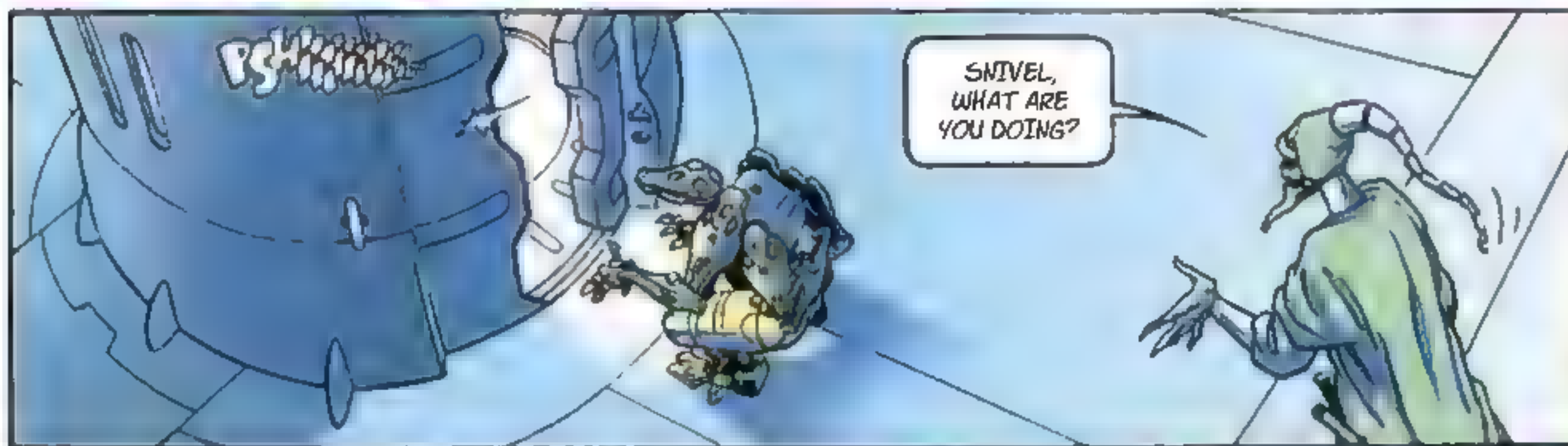
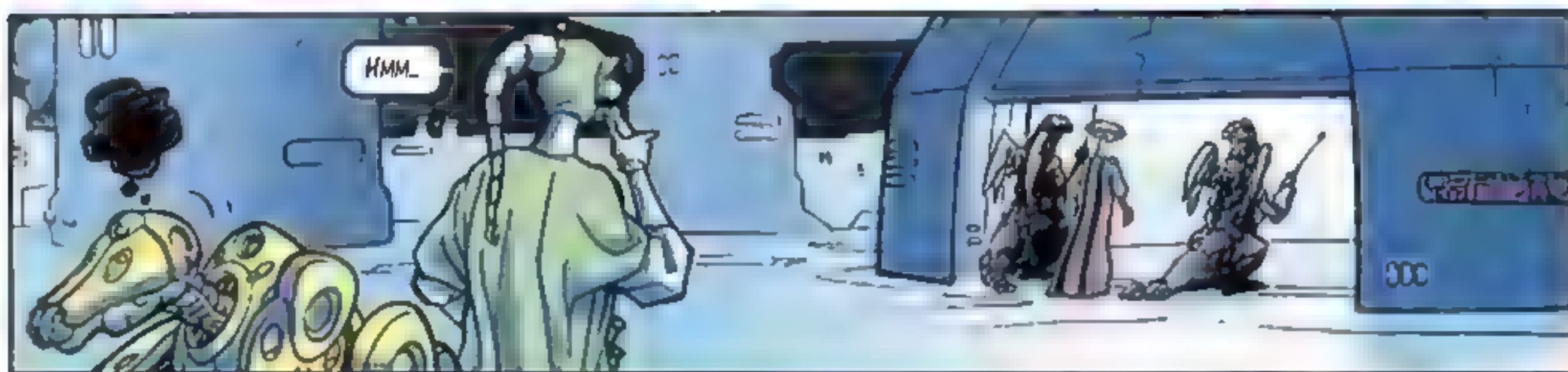
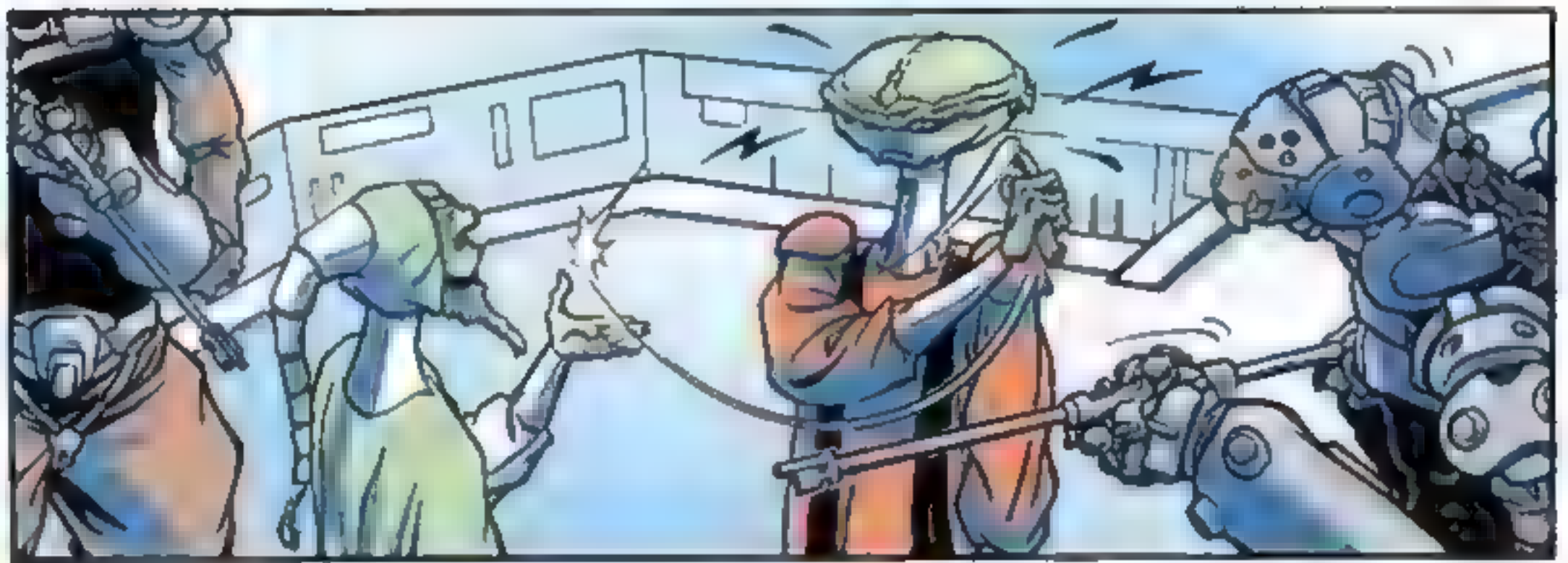
FROM THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE GATHERED, THIS SULFUREOUS SEDUCTOR HAS BRIBED DOCTOR AZRTRACHAN TO INJECT BEINGS WITH NANO CAMERAS DO YOU KNOW WHAT HIS GOAL IS?

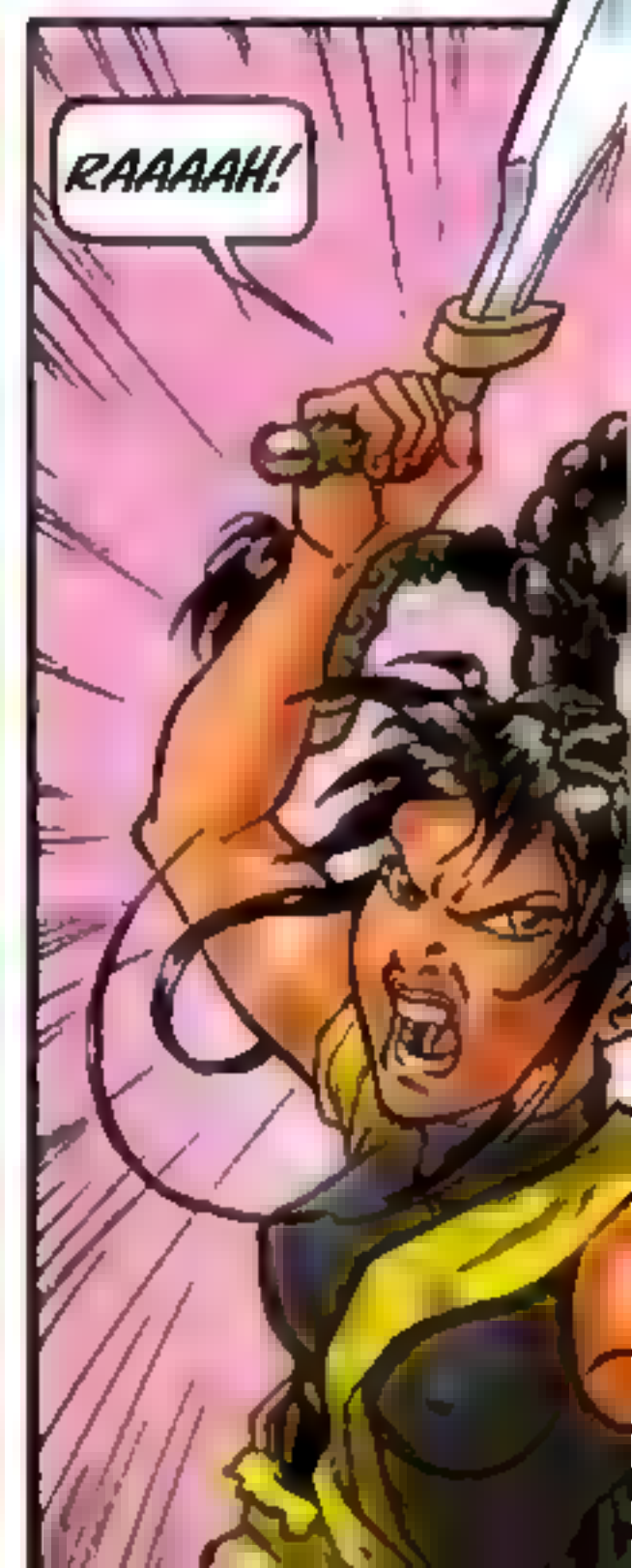
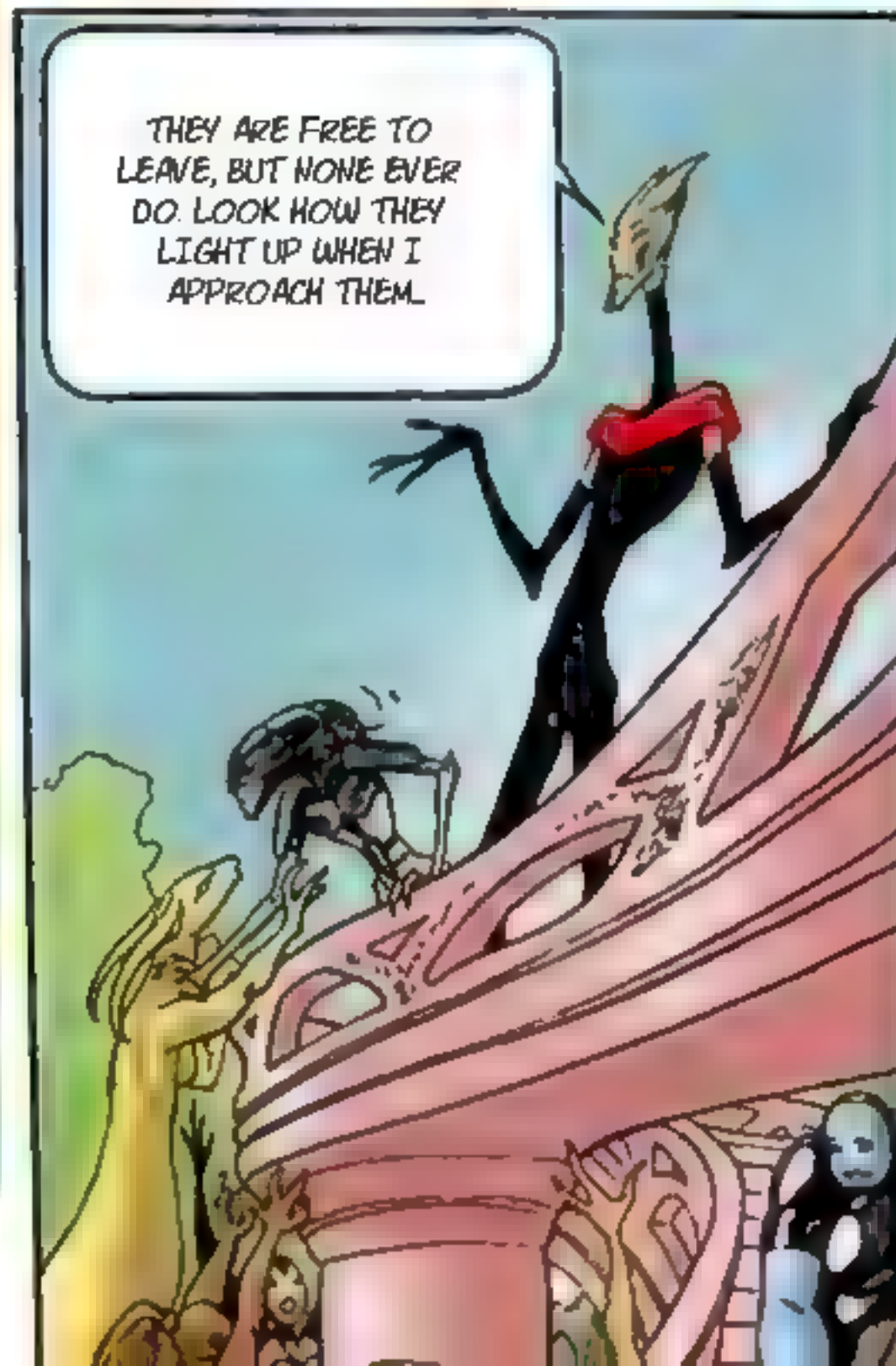
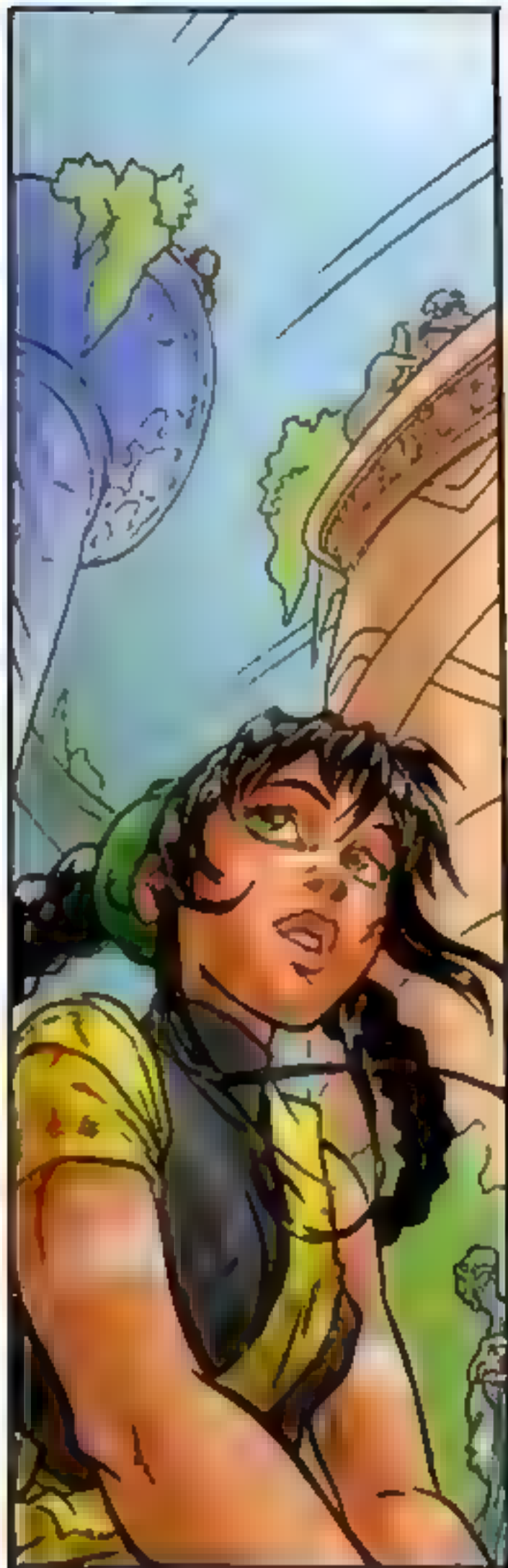
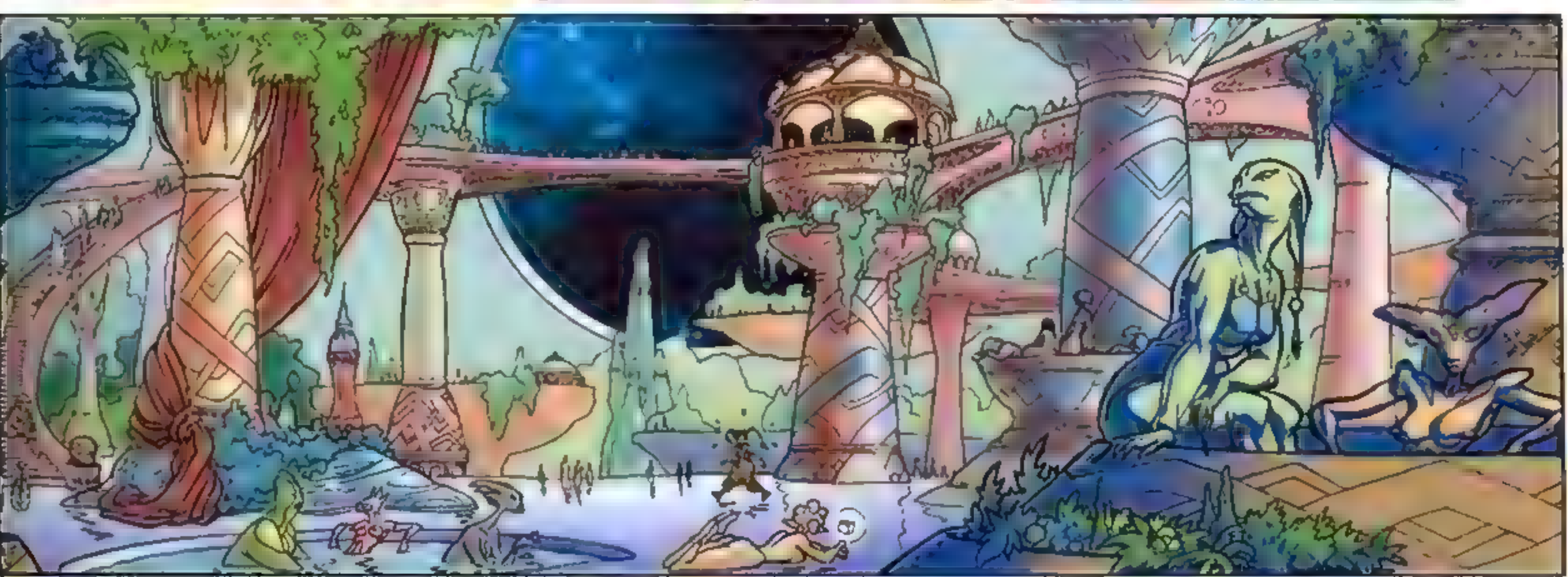
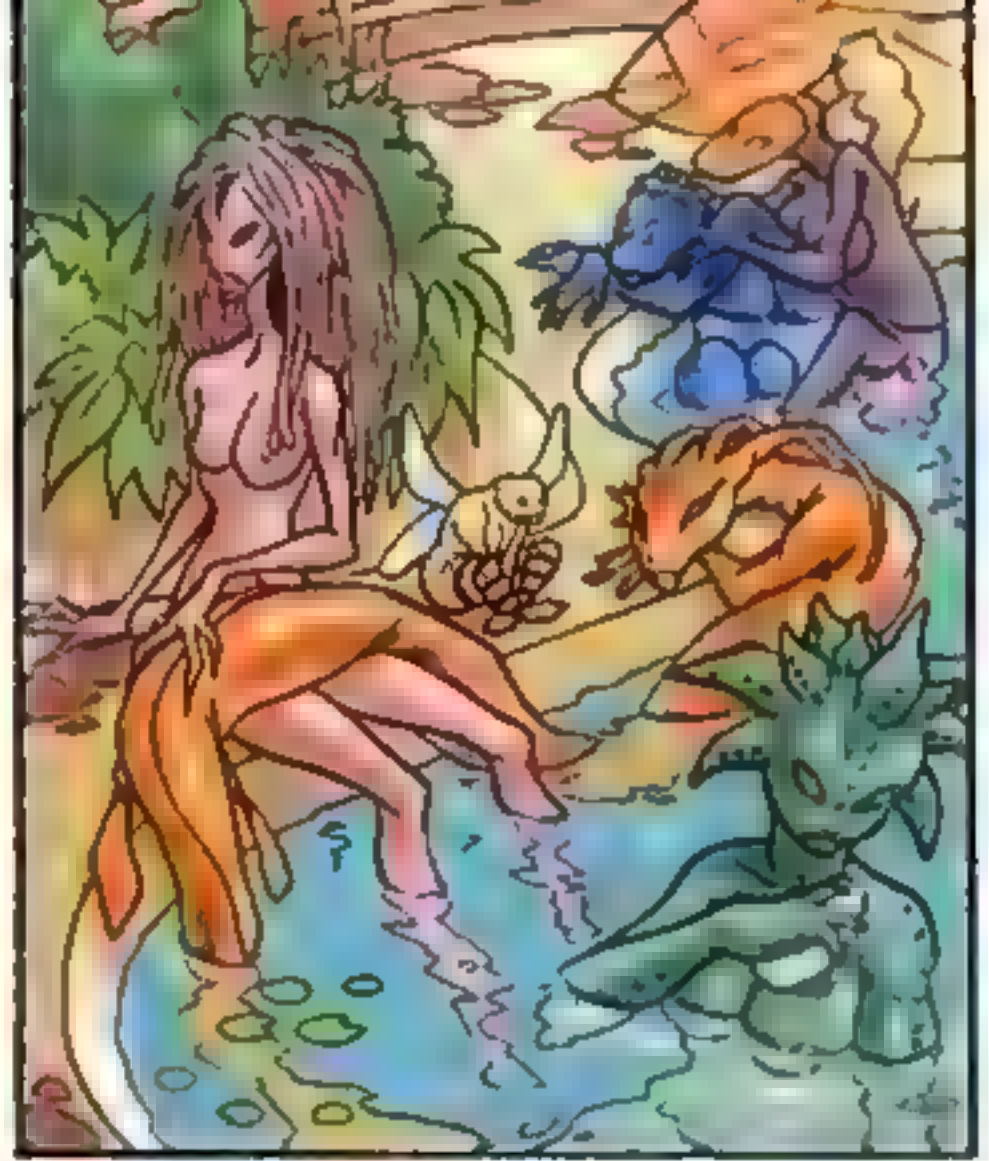
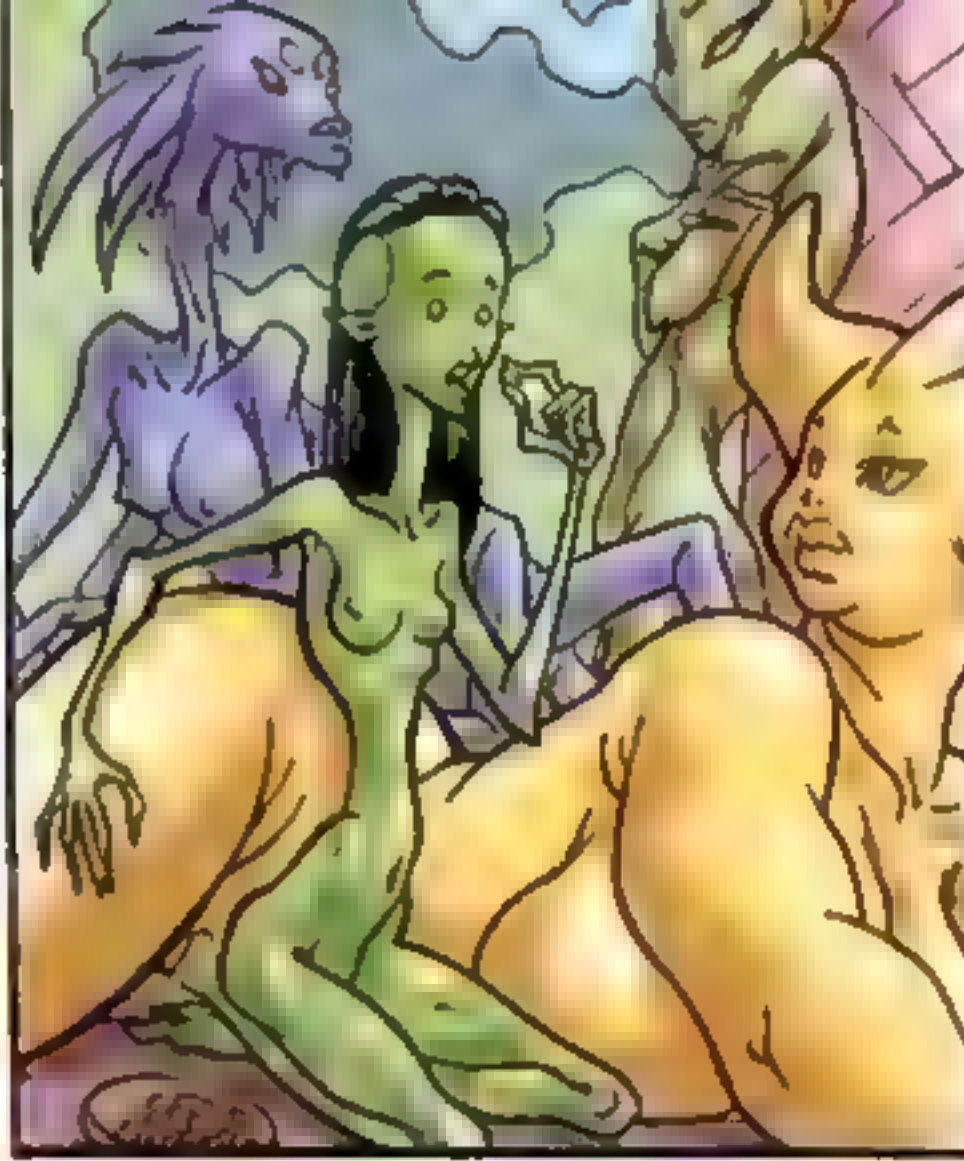
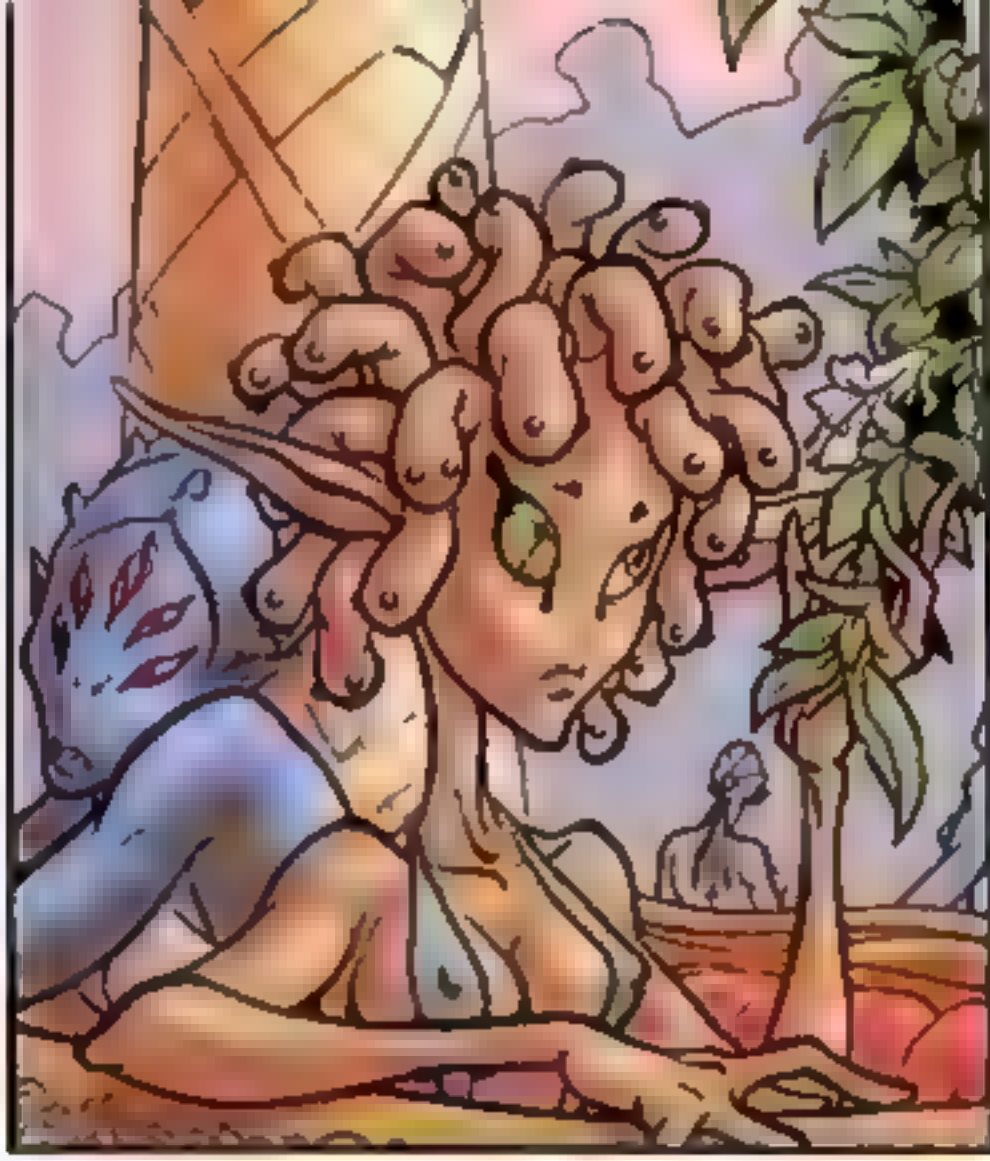


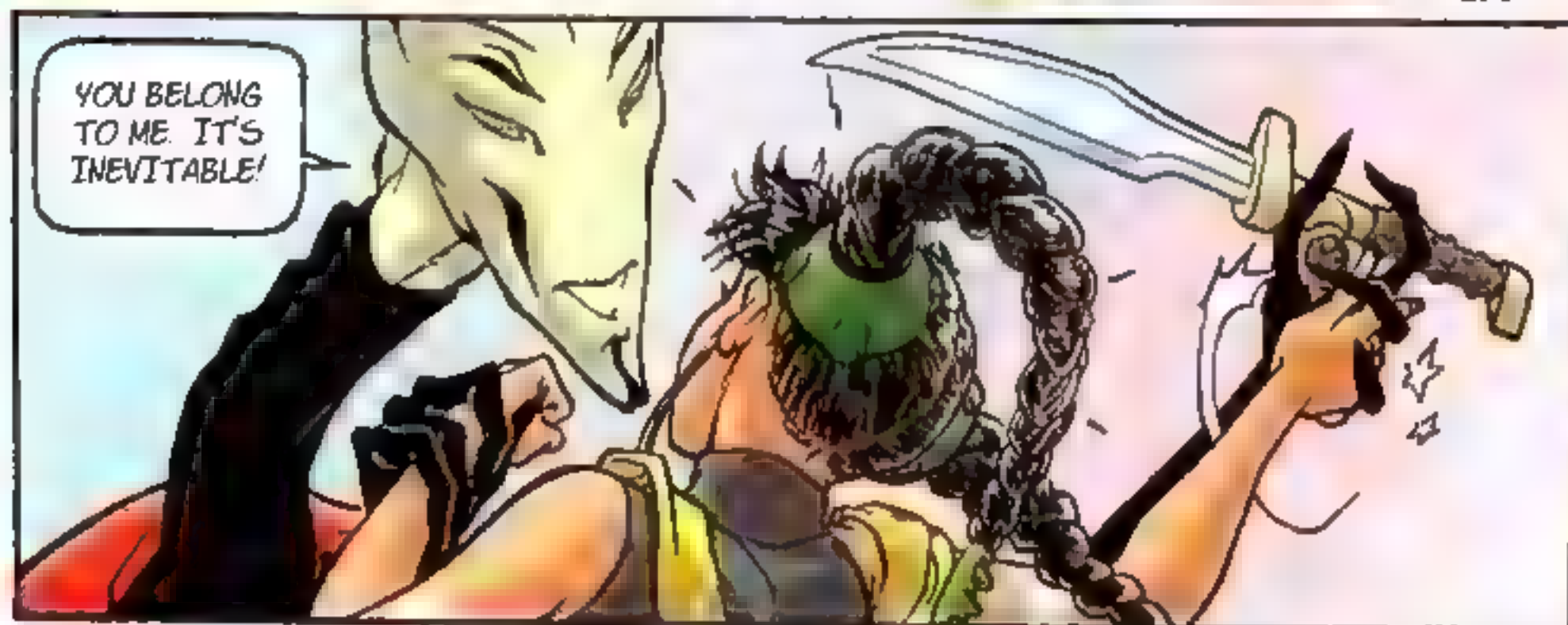
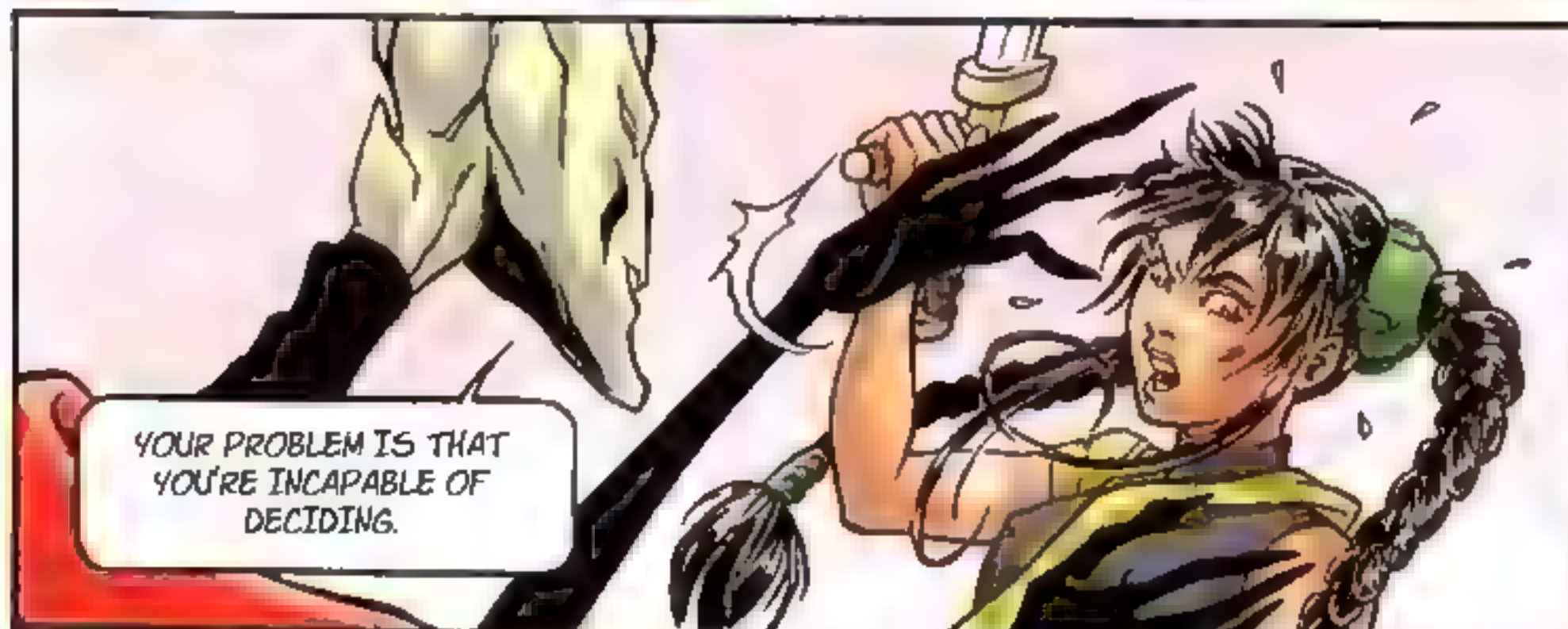
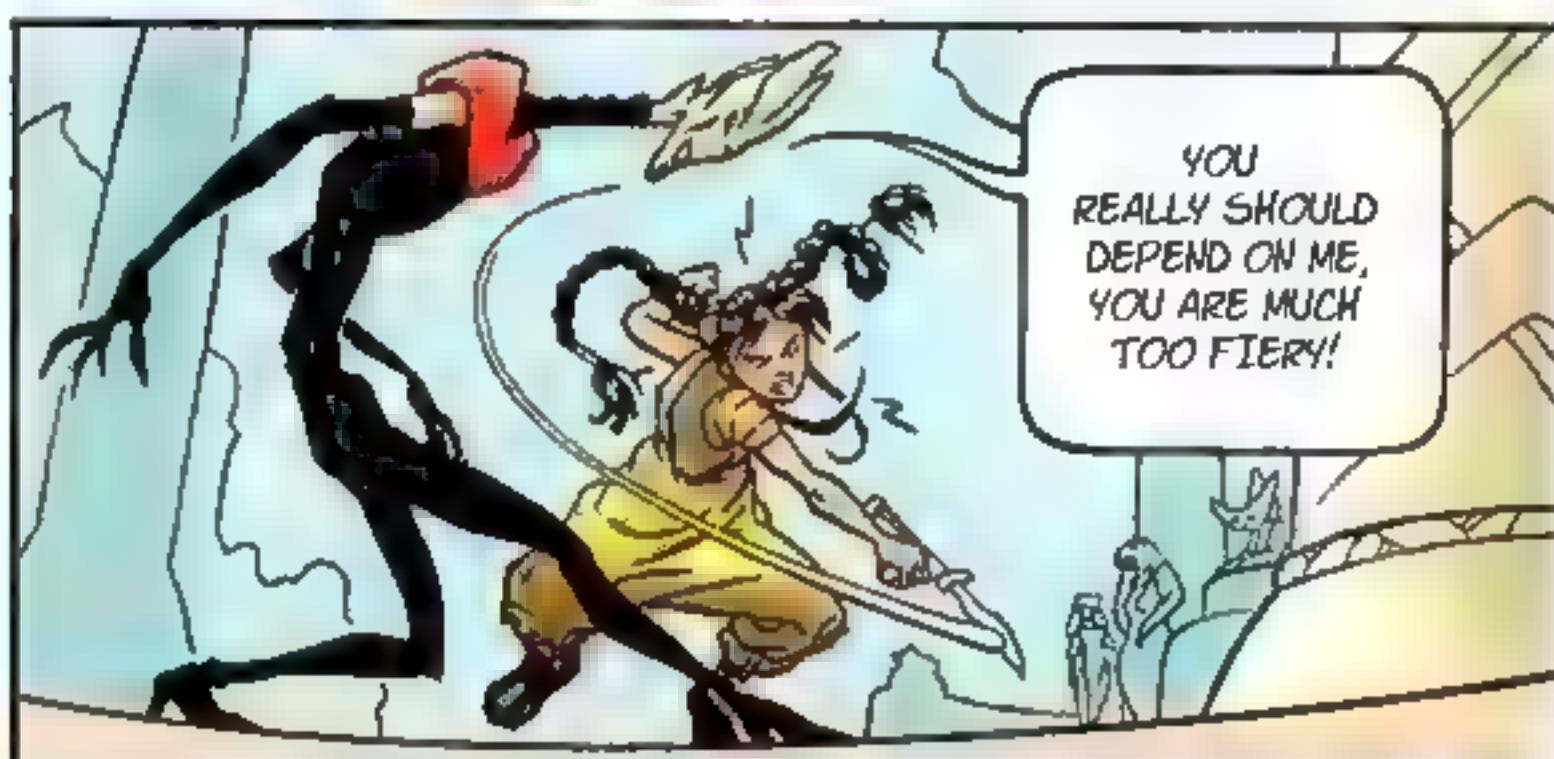
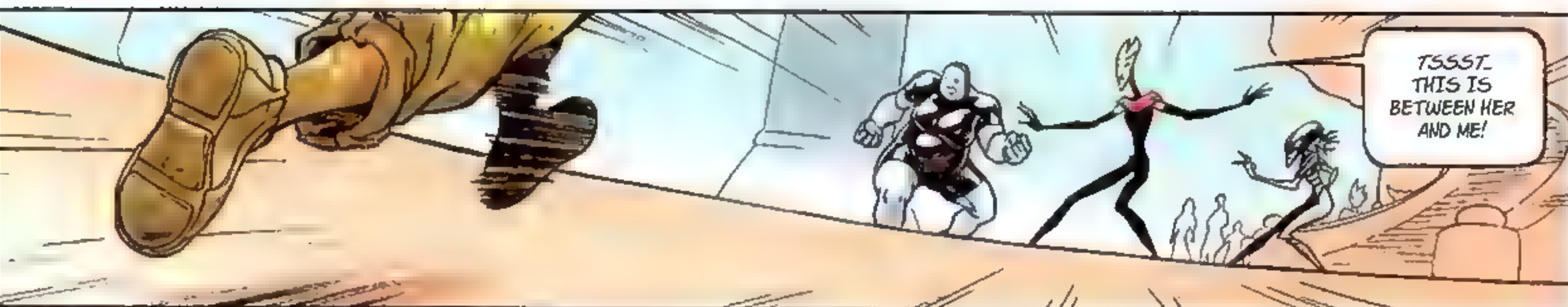
IT EVEN SEEMS THAT THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THAT HE'S DONE THIS BEHIND THE BACK OF YOUR SO "VIGILANT COUNCIL".

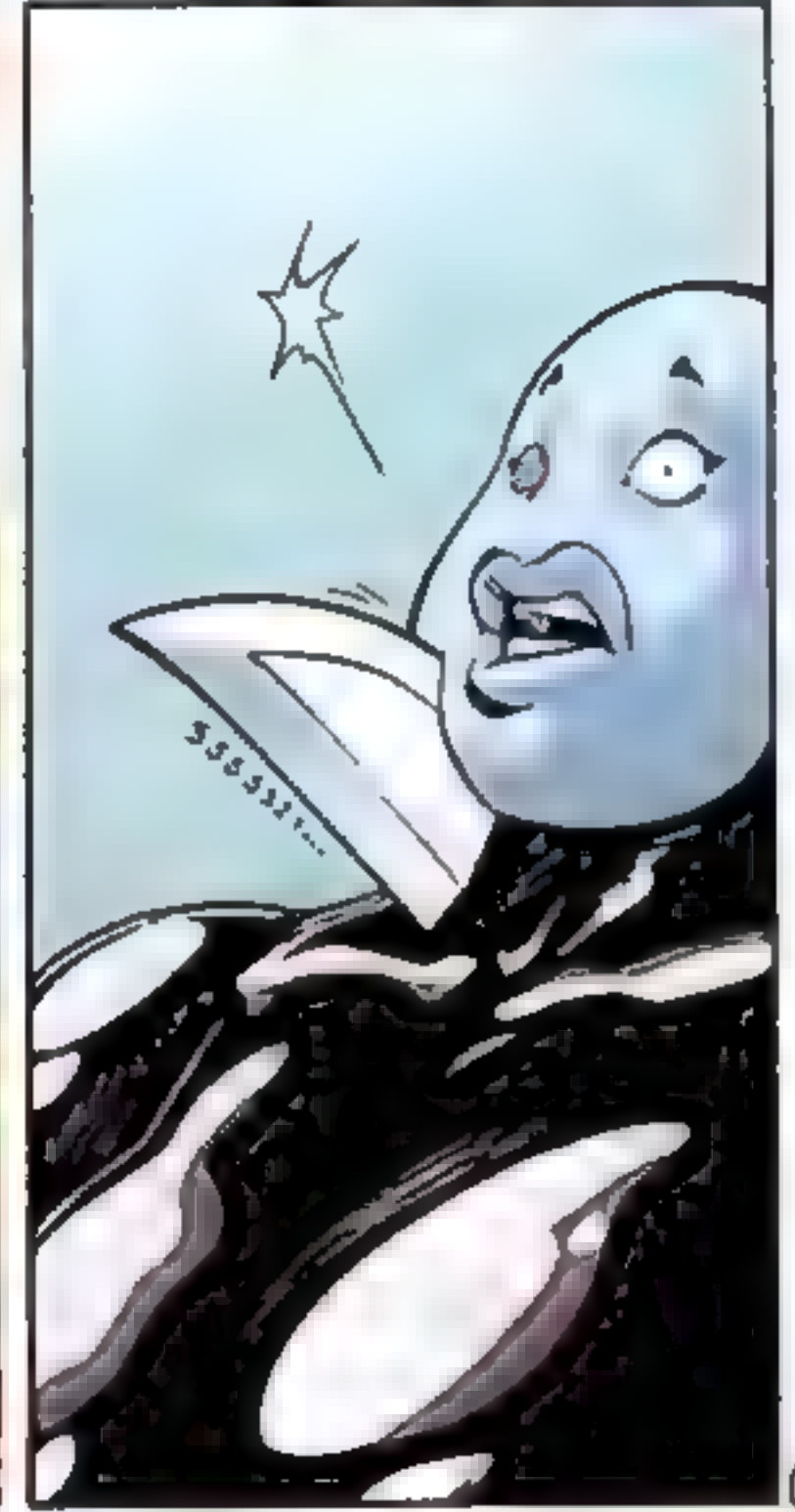
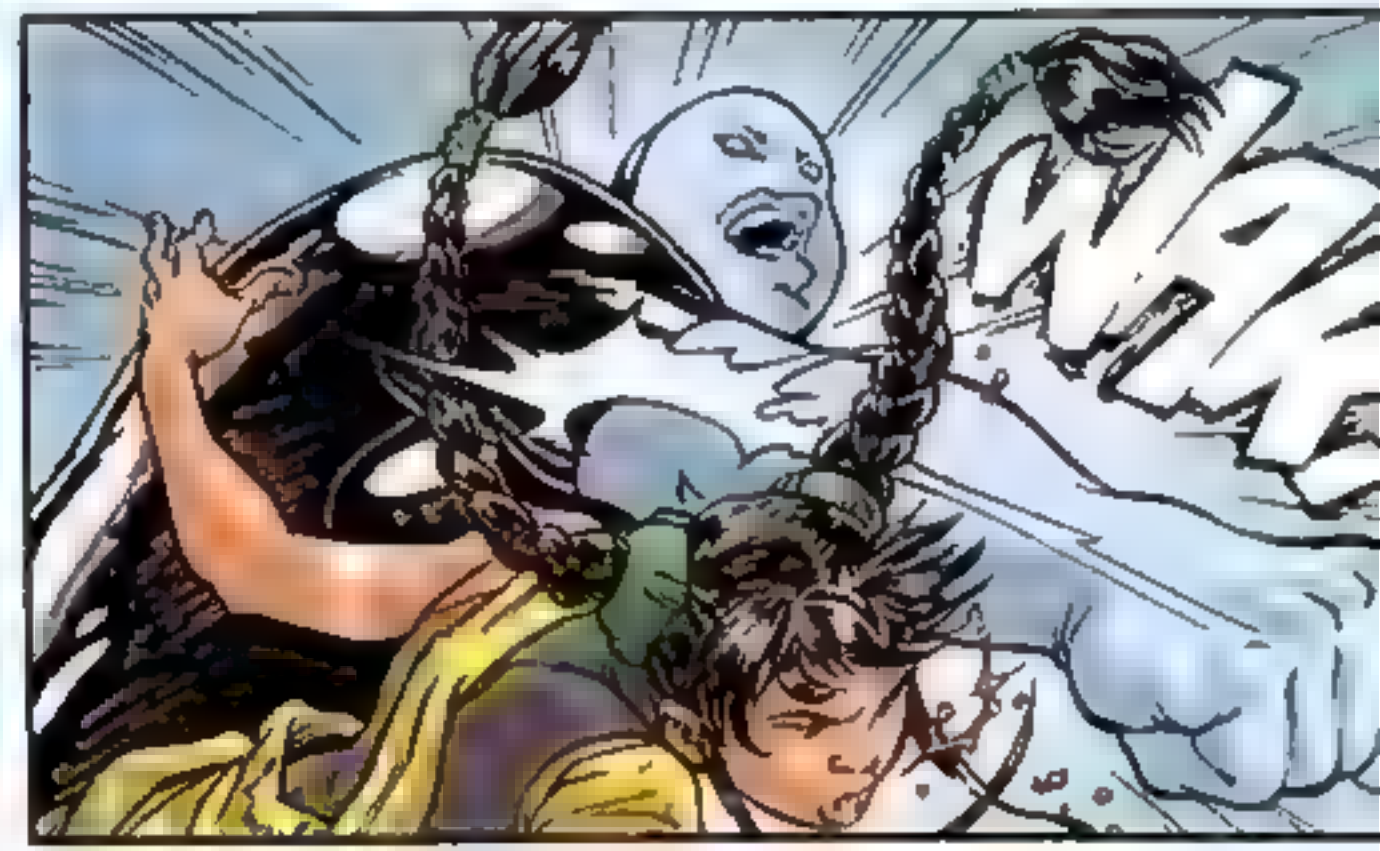
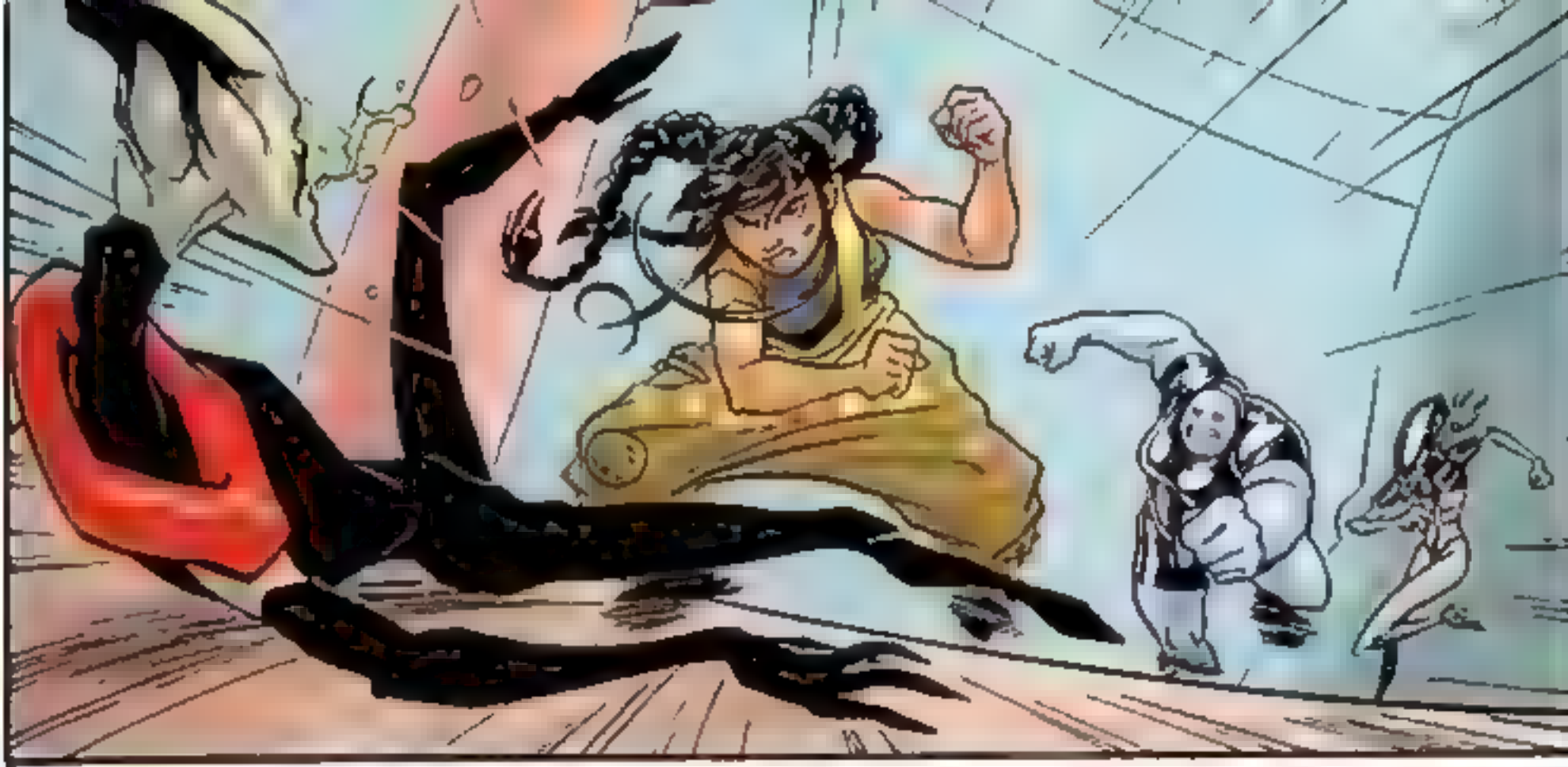


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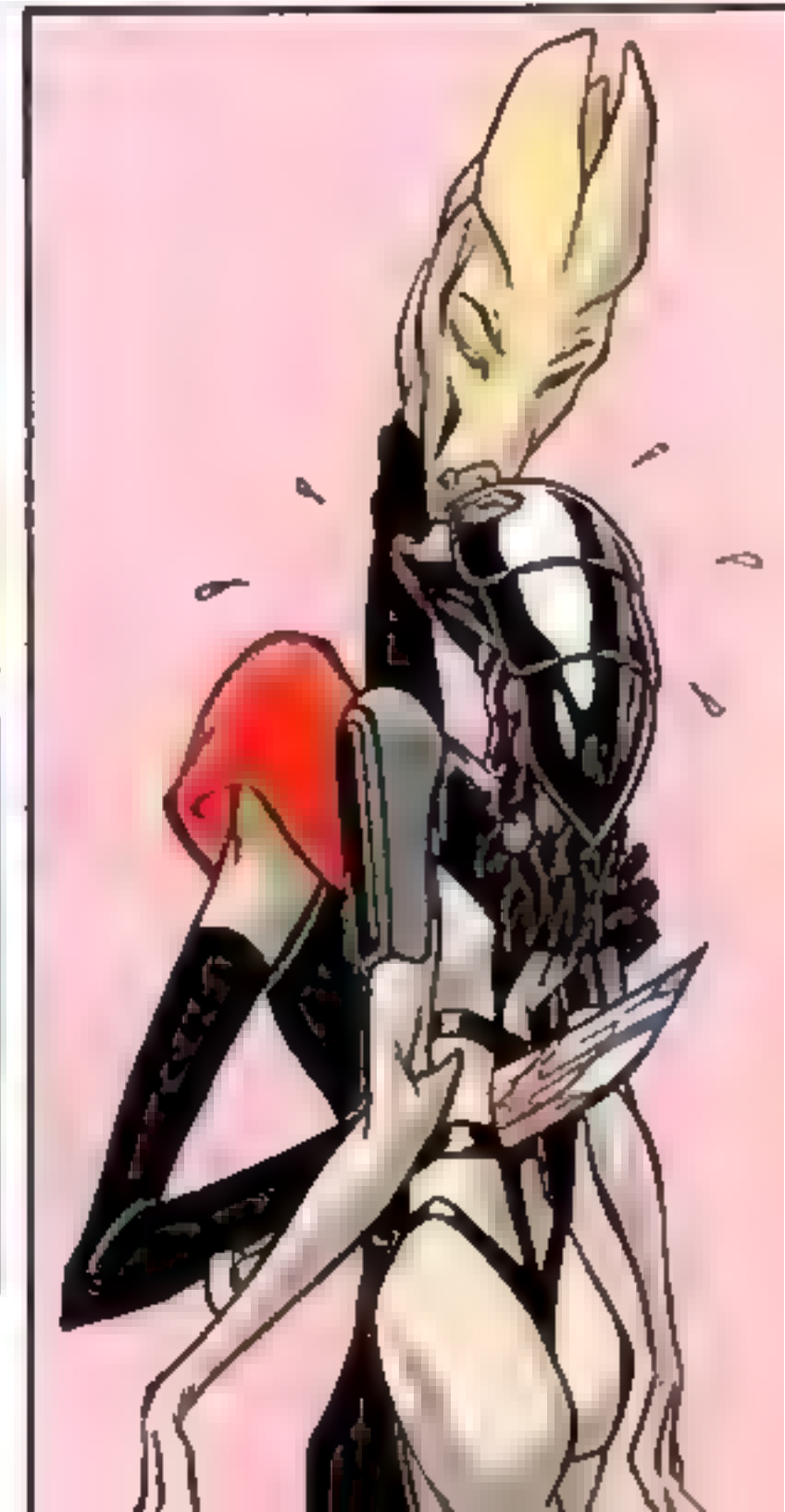
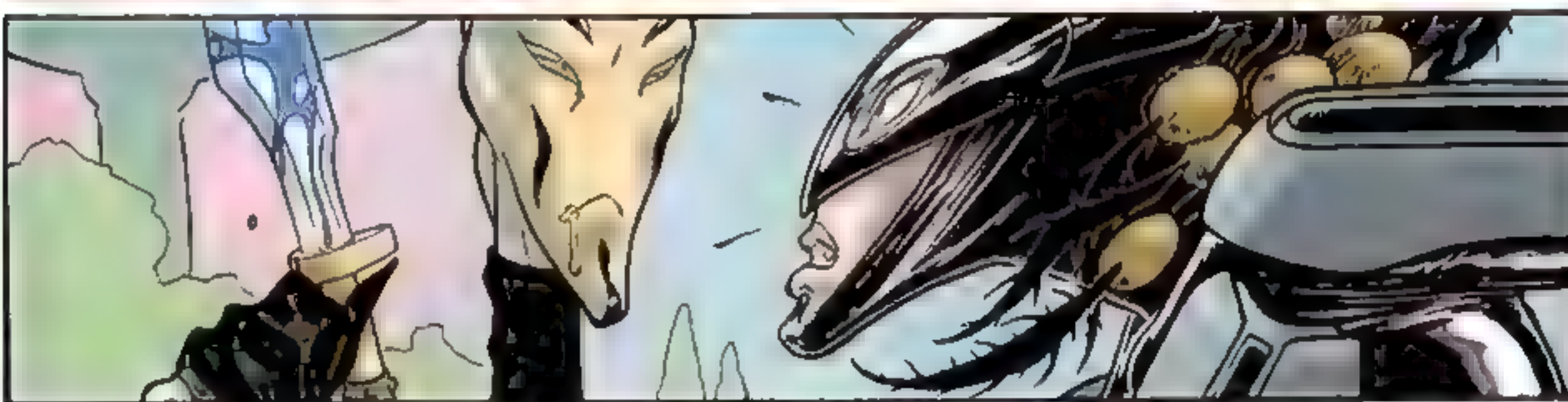
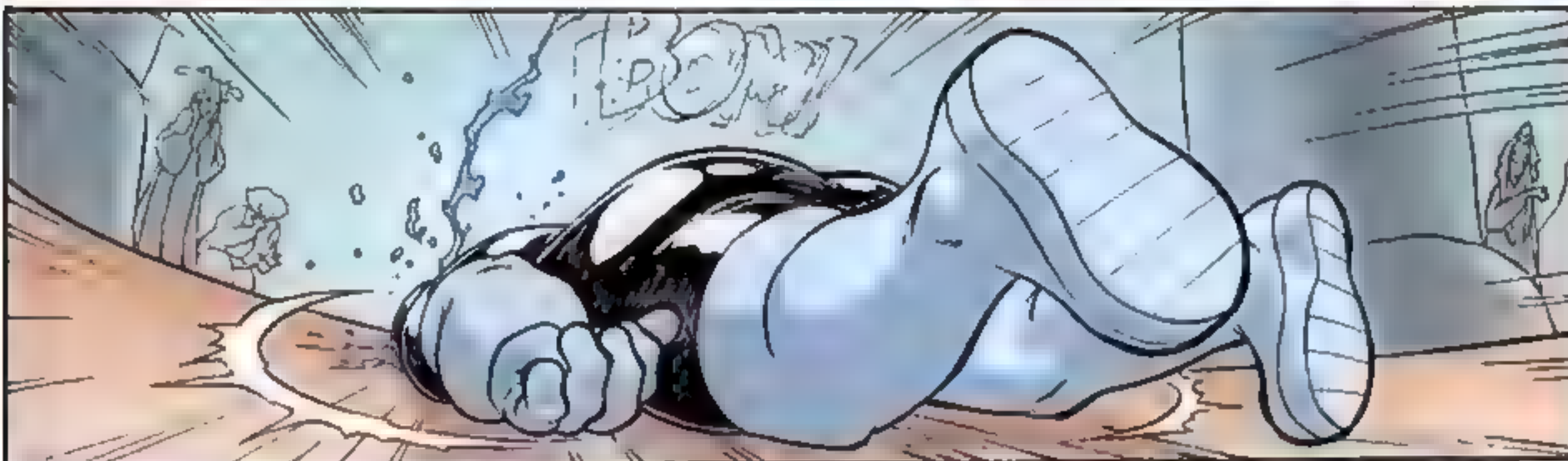








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I FORBADE
YOU TO
TOUCH HER!

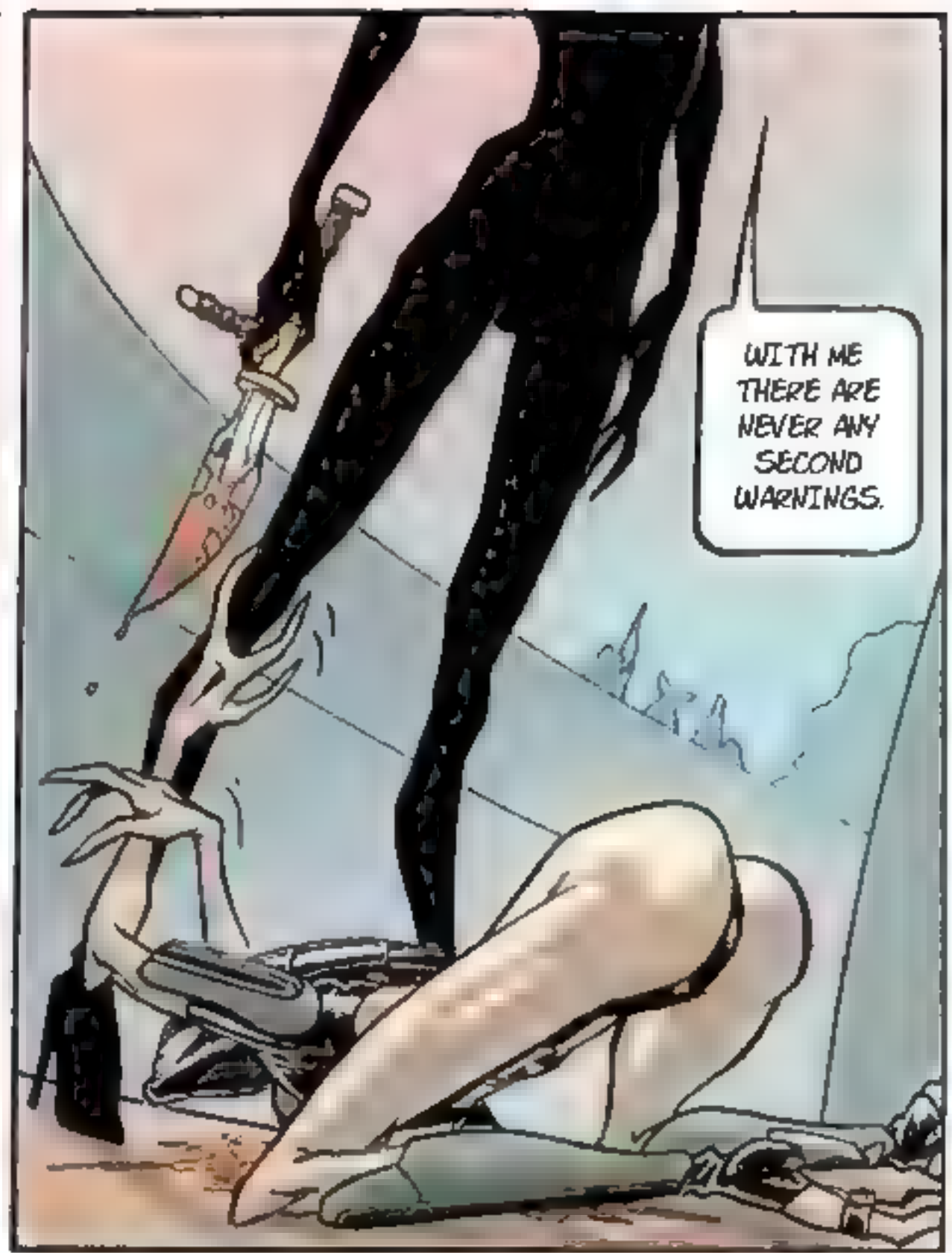
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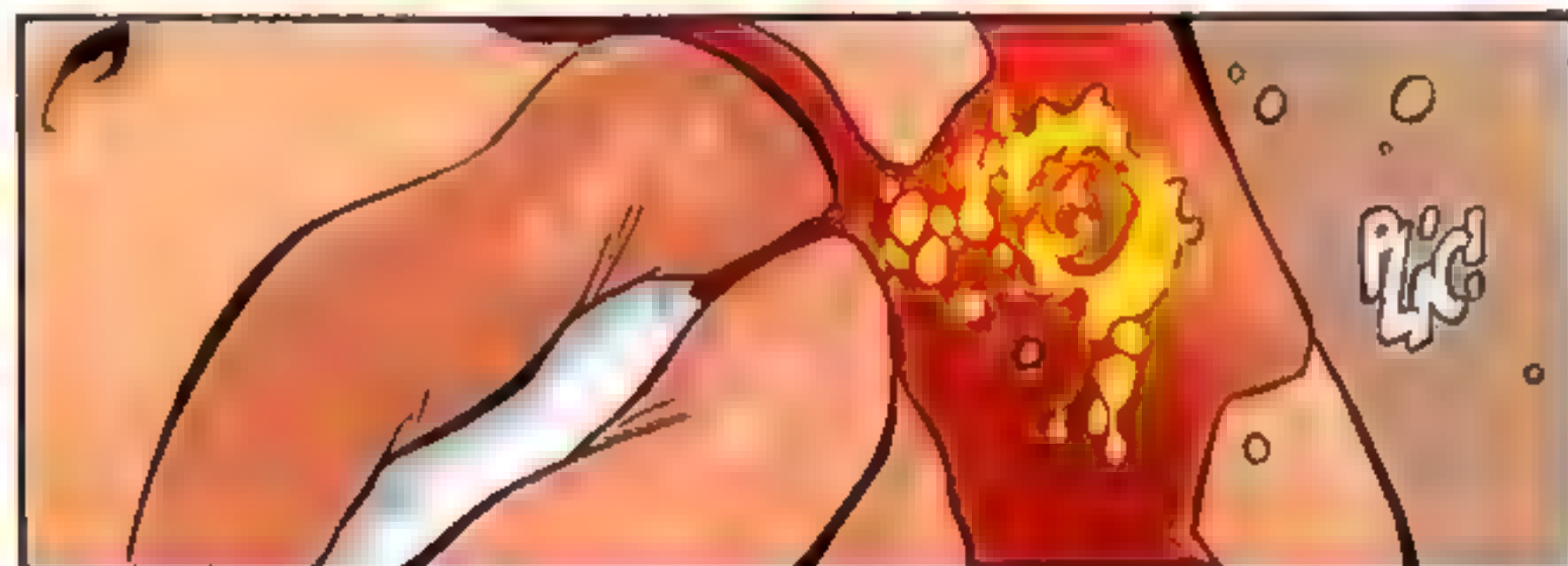
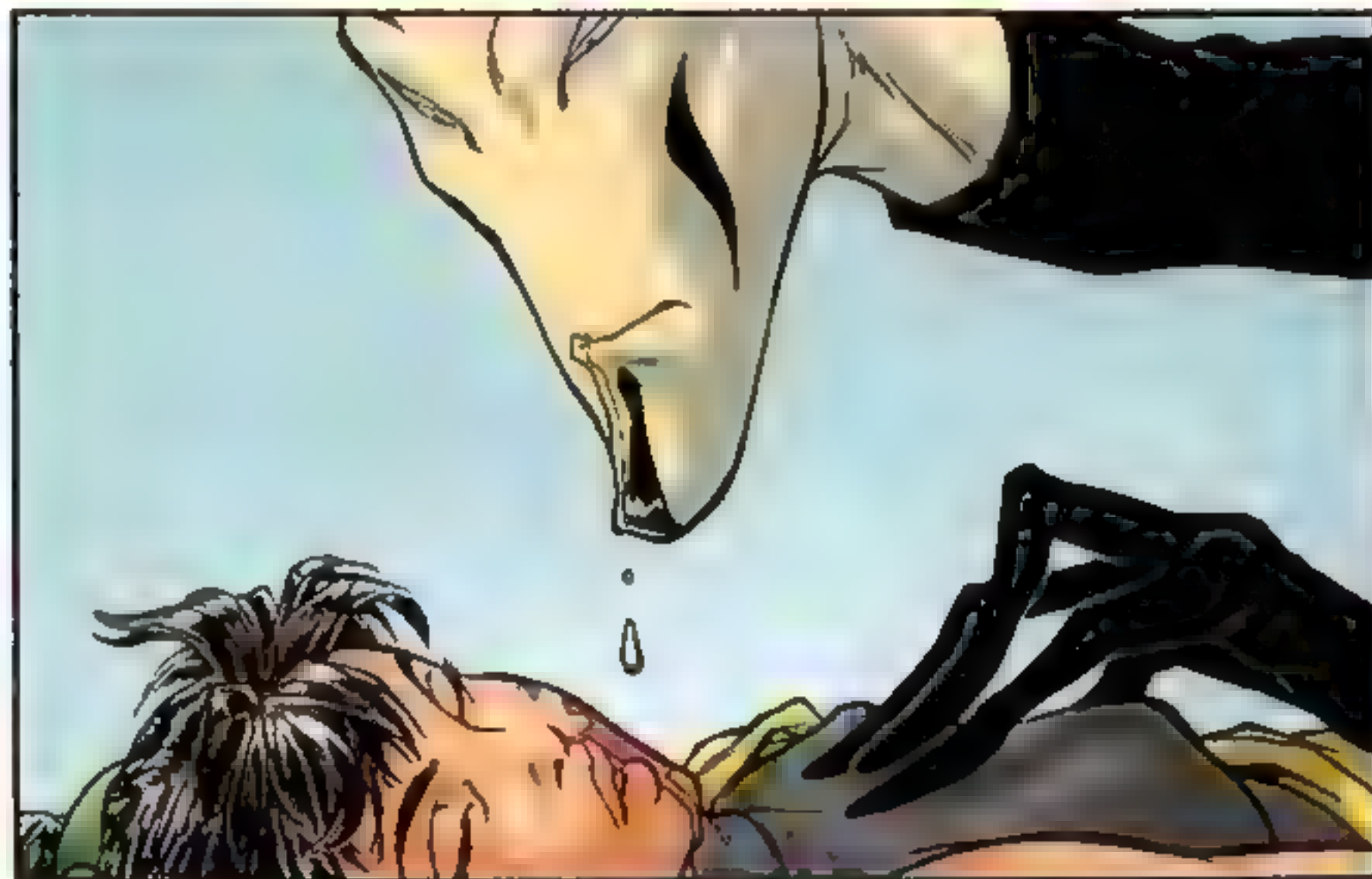
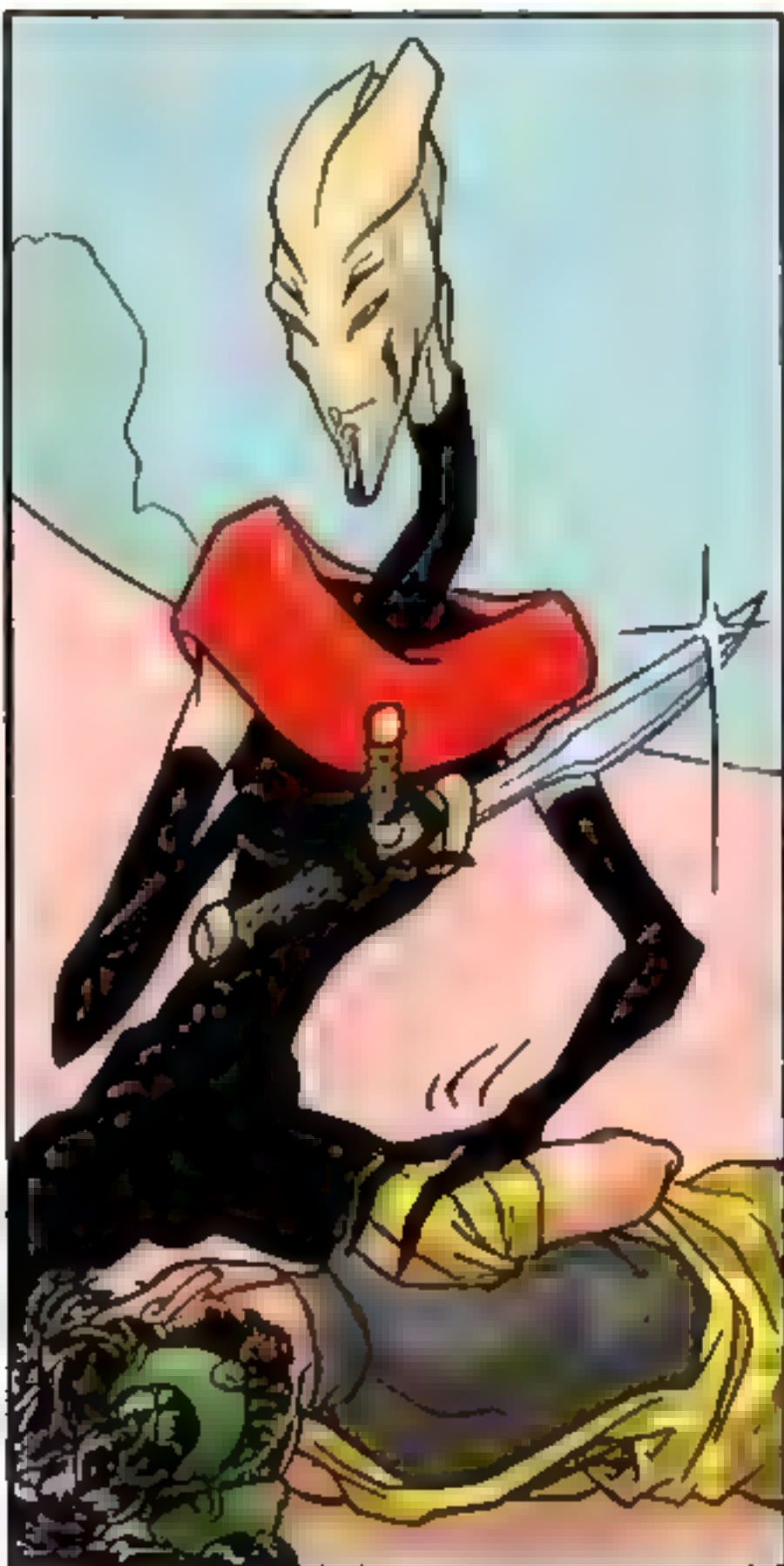
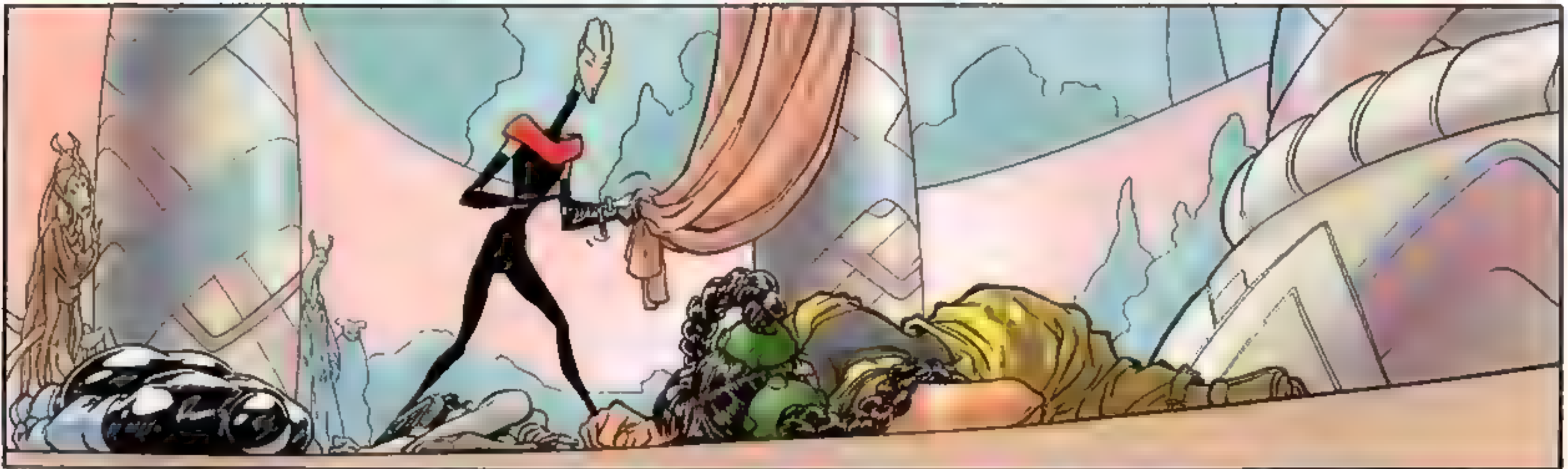
NOBODY
VIOLATES
MY ORDERS,
YOU KNEW
THAT



NOW, IT IS YOU
WHO MUST BE
PUNISHED.



WITH ME
THERE ARE
NEVER ANY
SECOND
WARNINGS.



NAVIS...





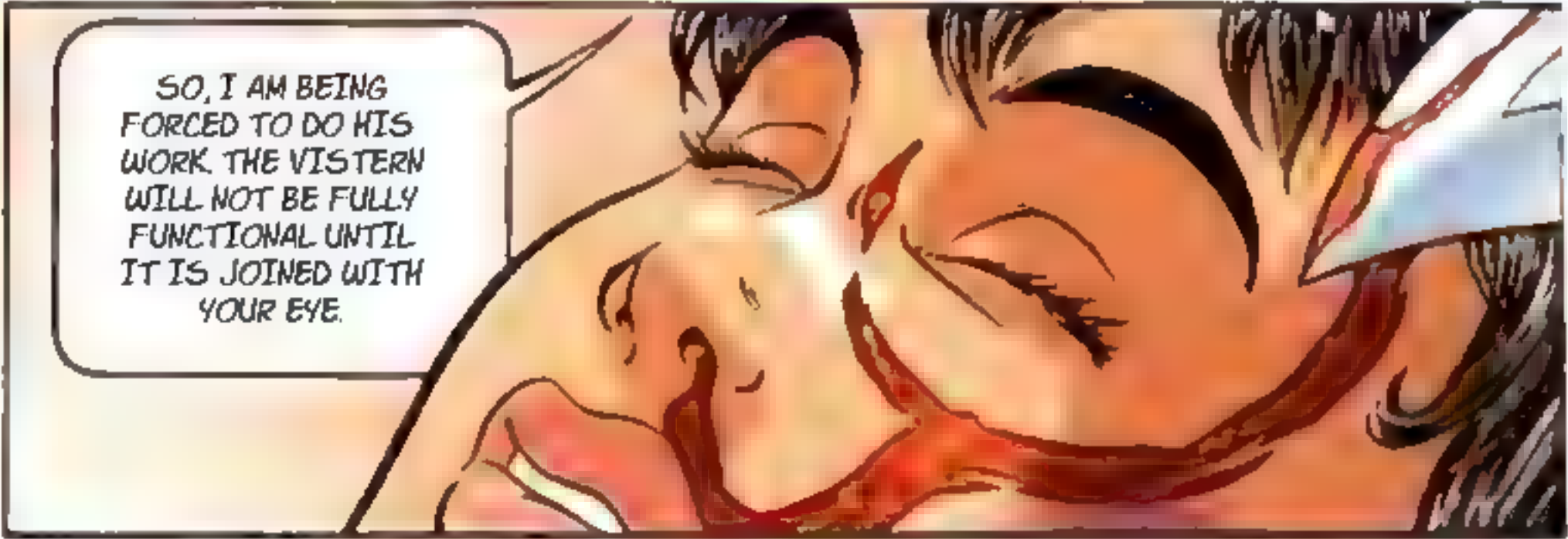
SINCE YOU CAME HERE,
MY SUBORDINATES DO
NOT OBEY MY ORDERS
ANY MORE.

MY BODY
GUARDS.



ARZTRACHAN... THEY
ARE ALL DEAD BECAUSE
OF YOU, YOU KNOW?

I NEVER
THOUGHT THE
DOCTOR WOULD
BE SO BRAVE!



SO, I AM BEING
FORCED TO DO HIS
WORK. THE VISTERN
WILL NOT BE FULLY
FUNCTIONAL UNTIL
IT IS JOINED WITH
YOUR EYE.



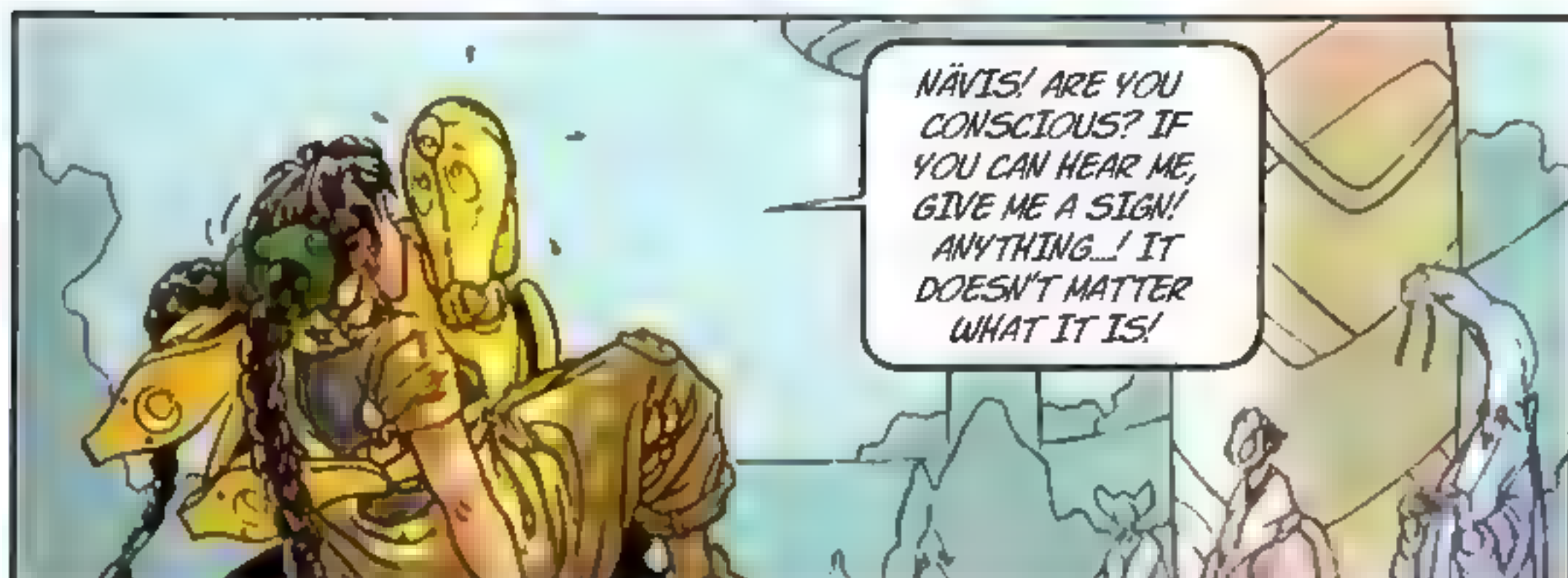
YOU WILL FEEL MY PRESENCE IN YOU,
AND I WILL HAVE ACCESS TO YOUR BODY
AND YOUR FEELINGS.

THE MOST
REFINED
SENSATIONS,
YOU CAN
TRUST ME.

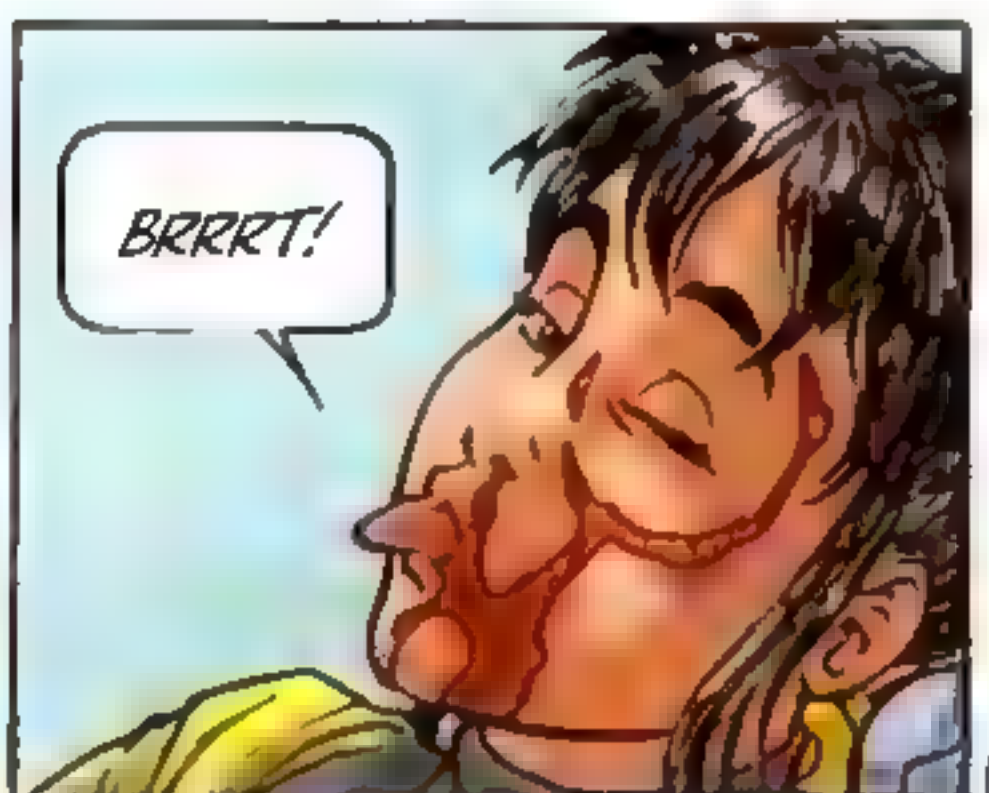


I DON'T EVEN KNOW
IF THIS TECHNIQUE
WORKS WITH YOU!
IT'S EXCITING.

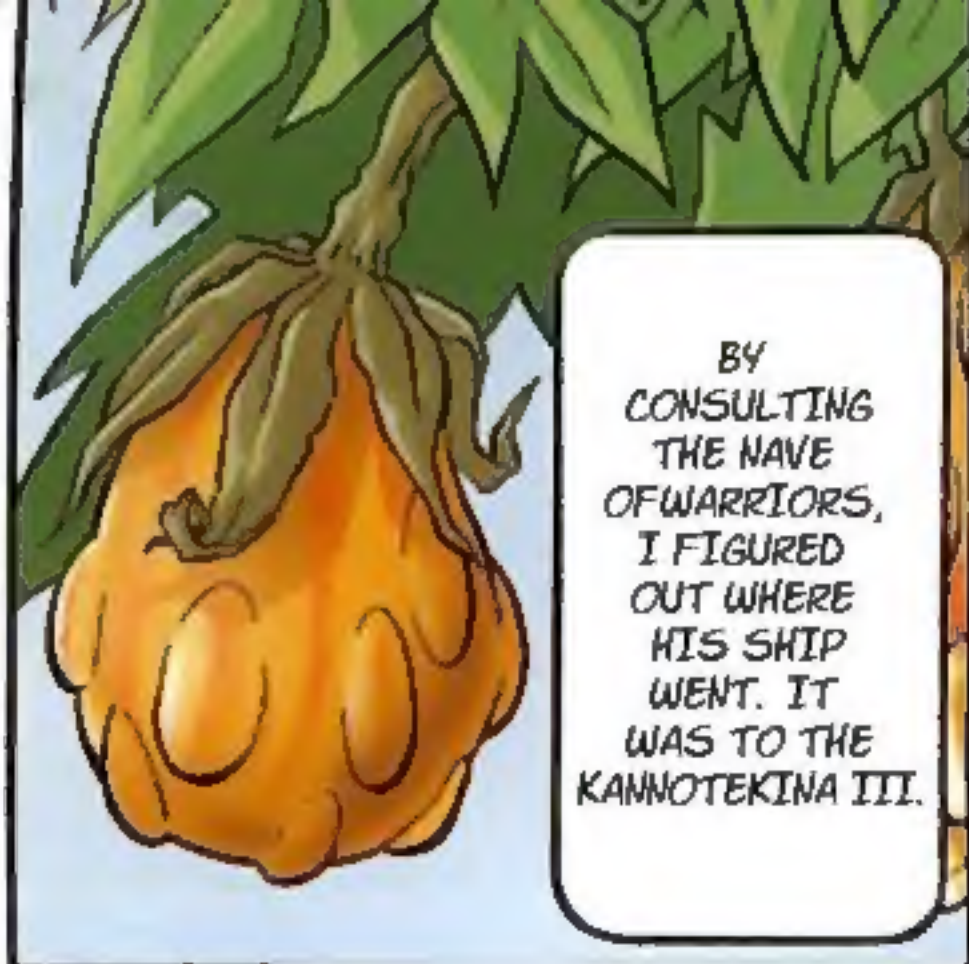
KEEYAH!



NÄVIS! ARE YOU
CONSCIOUS? IF
YOU CAN HEAR ME,
GIVE ME A SIGN!
ANYTHING...! IT
DOESN'T MATTER
WHAT IT IS!



BRRRT!



BY CONSULTING THE NAVE OF WARRIORS, I FIGURED OUT WHERE HIS SHIP WENT. IT WAS TO THE KANNOTEKINA III.



I HURRIED BACK TO ARZTRACHAN, HOPING TO FIND HIM ALIVE.

AND THEN, I SAW HIS BODY FLOATING IN SPACE.



I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS, APART FROM THE FACT THAT ATSUKAU WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED. SNIVEL TOLD ME LATER HOW THE WHOLE AFFAIR ENDED.



ALL THAT, SO MUCH EVIL. IT'S STUPEFYING!



AND YOU, YOU'RE NOT WITH THE MIGROLEM CONGRESS? THE VOTING?..

YOU'RE RIGHT, 99.7 % OF THE VOTE WAS IN FAVOR OF SELF-DETERMINATION, NO MATTER WHAT!



I WOULD HAVE HAD 100% IF ONE STUPID MIGROLEM HADN'T LOST BOTH OF HIS VOTING STONES!

HEILIG HAD IT RIGHT! WITH THOSE MORONS, THE LAST ONE WHO SPEAKS TO THEM IS RIGHT, AND I DON'T WANT TO BE THAT PERSON!

THEY CAN GET ALONG WITHOUT ME.



YOU KNOW, IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND THAT MY INTELLIGENCE IS PURE LUCK, AND THAT THERE'S NOT A CHANCE IN A MILLION THAT IT WILL HAPPEN TO MY BROTHERS.



TELL ME, NAVIS, IF YOU HAVE FORGIVEN ME FOR THE WAY I SPOKE TO YOU THE OTHER DAY.. UH.. COULD I COME AND LIVE WITH YOU?





NÄVIS! BOBO!
THE COURT HANDED
DOWN IT'S VERDICT
ON THE CONSUL!



AND...?

NOT
GUILTY...

BUT...

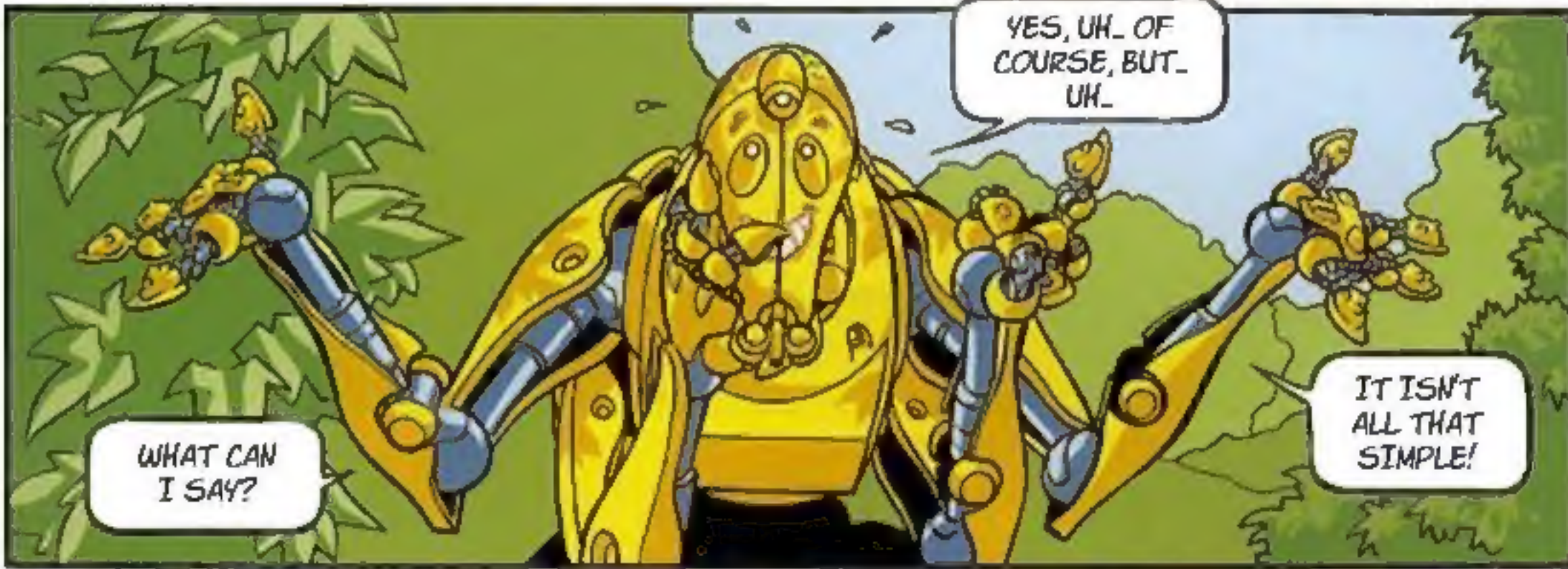
HE HAS BEEN LABELED
AS A KILLER BUT, DUE TO
HIS POLITICAL SUPPORT,
THE COUNCIL COULD NOT
HAVE RULED ANY OTHER
WAY.

SON OF A BITCH!

TRY TO BE
POSITIVE.
AFTER ALL, IT'S
THANKS TO THE
RECORDINGS IN
HIS VISTERN
THAT YOU ARE
BEING CARED
FOR SO WELL.
THE INFORMATION
IN IT COULD BE
VERY USEFUL IN
THE FUTURE!



PARADOXICALLY, IT'S BECAUSE
OF THIS ROBOT THAT YOU WERE
WOUNDED, RIGHT?



YES, UH. OF
COURSE, BUT...
UH...

WHAT CAN
I SAY?

IT ISN'T
ALL THAT
SIMPLE!



HMM...

MMM...



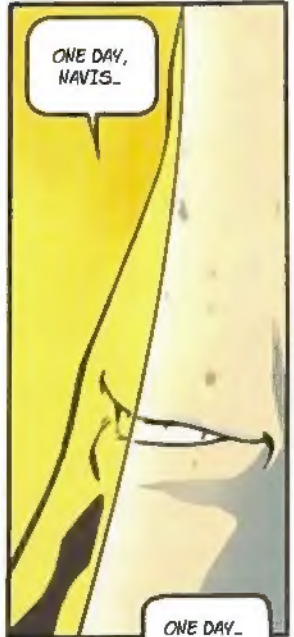
FINE.
CAN SOME-
ONE PICK
ME ONE OF
THOSE
FRUIT?



I'M A
LITTLE
HUNGRY
NOW.



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ONE DAY,
NAVIS...

ONE DAY...



WAKE

THE FIRST INTERSTELLAR CONVOY

Battle cruisers, Admirals' flagships, war transports, supply ships... these are some of the thousands of vessels which make up a formidable interstellar convoy, launched to search for new inhabitable planets. A convoy named *Wake*, aboard which all sorts of beings, with many different beliefs live side by side, but where one species remains unknown : the Human beings.